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SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

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FBI

Date: 9/26/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 9/26/69, captioned as above.

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(2) - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
3 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257)
(1 [redacted]
(6)

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100-442706-107

AGENCY: AGST. CSI; SEC. SER; ISD CRS EAO PPU 10/6/69 RK

DATE FILMED: SEP 29 1969

BY: [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 10/3/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-25[illegible]) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

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ENCLOSURE

(2) Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
3 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (R. Abernathy)
(1 - [redacted])
(6)

EX-102

REC-139 100-442706-108

OCT 4 1969

AGENCY: AGCT. [redacted]. CSR; SEC. SER: [redacted] TSD CRD, RAO 10/7/69

DATE FORW[illegible]: 10/7/69

HOW FORW: [illegible]

BY: [redacted]

RACKETEER[illegible]

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Source was unable to furnish any further details in regard to the above.

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FBI

Date: 10/9/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654) (RUC)

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b7C RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM
(OO:AT)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-16-92 BY [redacted]

ReATairtel and LHM dated 10/3/69, advising that ABERNATHY was scheduled to speak on 10/7/69, at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

On 10/7/69, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that to his knowledge ABERNATHY was not scheduled to speak at the University on that date or at any time in the near future. [redacted]

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On the same date [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that ABERNATHY was not scheduled to appear at the University on that date.

[redacted] are both established sources of WFO whose identities must be concealed if above information is disseminated.

(2) - Bureau
2 - Atlanta (157-257) (RM)
1 - WFO

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FBI ATLANTA

2:52 PM URGENT 10/8/69

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

[redacted] 67C

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM. OO ATLANTA.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE [redacted] 67C INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON OCTOBER EIGHT, SIXTYNINE, THAT AS OF THAT DATE RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, WAS CONFINED TO AN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HOSPITAL, FOR AN EXAMINATION. ABERNATHY HAS RECENTLY COMPLAINED OF PERIODIC DISCOMFORT IN ONE OR BOTH LEGS. SOURCE COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER DETAILS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

LHM WILL FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT OF FURTHER DETAILS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D ABERNATHY
RM

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Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

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[redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

(2) - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2) (RM)
5 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 170-290a)
(1 - 100-7873) (Moratorium Vietnam Activity in Atlanta)

[redacted] b7C

(9) b7C EX-117 REC 46 100-442706-111

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted] OSI; SEC. SER:
[redacted] PAO [redacted]

DATE [redacted] 14 OCT 17 1969
HOW [redacted]: 10/22/69 RCS
BY: [redacted] b7C

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On October 16, 1969, a confidential source advised Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, participated on October 15, 1969, in Moratorium Vietnam activity in Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted]

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ON 7-16-92

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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(2) - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
3 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
(1 - [redacted]
[redacted] (5)

EX-117

AGENCY: AGST. [redacted] OSI; SEC. SER. [redacted] ISD CRD, RAO [redacted]
DATE [redacted] 10/22/69
HOW FWD: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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(1 - Atlanta 806 RM)

RAC [redacted] SECT.

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RACIAL MATTER

On October 15, 1969, a confidential source advised that for several days during the preceding week, Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had undergone tests and examination in an Atlanta hospital. Source advised it was his understanding that for some time prior to this hospitalization, Abernathy had complained of pain in his legs. Source was unable to furnish any further details.

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ON 2-[redacted]

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FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

11:53 AM URGENT 10/16/69

TO: BUREAU (100-442706) AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: ATLANTA (157-157)

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RMATE

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2 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
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4 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
([redacted])

EX-102

REC-66 100-442706-114

AGENCY: AGCT. [redacted] OSI; SEC. SER; [redacted] ISD, CRD, RAO DDJ
DATE FWD: 10/29/69
HOW FWD: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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ILL AT Atlanta 806 PM

FAC [redacted]

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FBI ATLANTA

11:05 AM 11-12-69 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706, LOS ANGELES, AND LAS VEGAS

FROM ATLANTA 157-257 P

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

[redacted] SOURCE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE ABOVE.

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FBI LASVEGAS

358 PM URGENT 11-14-69 [redacted] b7c [redacted]

TO: DIRECTOR (100-442706) AND SACS ATLANTA (157-257)

AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC LAS VEGAS (157-159)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY; RM. [redacted] b7c [redacted]

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LAS VEGAS, NOV. TWELVE, LAST.

ABERNATHY ARRIVED MC CARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, NEV., VIA DELTA FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT ONE ONE AT TWO P.M., NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST. A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED ABERNATHY SPOKE AT EIGHT P.M., NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST, ON CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS, BEFORE CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED WHEREIN HE CRITICIZED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND THE SMALL PERCENT OF THE POPULATION WHO CONTROL THE NATION'S WEALTH. THE CROWD WAS PEACEFUL AND NO INCIDENTS OCCURED. ABERNATHY DEPARTED LAS VEGAS FOR LOS ANGELES VIA TWA FLIGHT TWO TWO NINE AT TEN FORTY FIVE P.M. ON NOV. THIRTEEN, LAST. [redacted] b7c

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FBI LASVEGAS

5:30 PM 11/13/69 URGENT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS (149-122) 2-P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-16-92

UNSUB; ANONYMOUS THREAT TO BOMB AIRCRAFT CARRYING RALPH ABERNATHY, NOVEMBER THIRTEEN INSTANT, DAMV.

RE LAS VEGAS TELCALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

AT ONE FORTY-TWO PM REPRESENTATIVE OF TWA, MC CARRAN FIELD, LAS VEGAS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT AT ONE TWENTY-FIVE PM TWA RESERVATIONS OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES STATED THEY HAD RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE WHO SAID "ABERNATHY IS COMING IN TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THAT PLANE HE IS ON. WE ARE GOING TO BLOW UP THE WHOLE AIRPORT." INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING CALL AT TWA RESERVATIONS OFFICE IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLER HAD NO ACCENT AND HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING ABOVE STATEMENT. NO INFO RECEIVED INDICATING THE AIRLINE OR FLIGHT NUMBER OF THE PLANE ON WHICH ABERNATHY WAS FLYING. FOR INFO, ANY CALLS FOR TWA RESERVATIONS IN LAS VEGAS ARE AUTOMATICALLY SWITCHED TO TWA RESERVATIONS IN LOS ANGELES.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Miss Gandy
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

ABERNATHY ARRIVED MC CARRAN AIRPORT LAS VEGAS VIA DELTA FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT ONE ONE AT TWO PM THIS DATE.

DELTA OFFICIALS HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING BOMB THREAT ABOARD THIS FLIGHT. DELTA OFFICIAL ADVISES ABERNATHY HOLDS SPACE ON TWA FLIGHT TWO TWO NINE LEAVING LAS VEGAS TEN FORTY-FIVE AM NOVEMBER FIFTEEN NEXT. DELTA FLIGHT ON WHICH ABERNATHY ARRIVED CONTINUED ON WITHOUT DELAY TO DALLAS, TEXAS AS PER SCHEDULE. NO SEARCH OF PLANE WAS CONDUCTED. CLARK COUNTY SO AND FAA ADVISED. LAS VEGAS WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES REGARDING ABERNATHY'S RETURN FLIGHT.

LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
1 - Las Vegas (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info.)
4 - Atlanta
(2 - 157-257) (R. Abernathy)
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-3718) (SCLC)

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REC-10 100-442706-118

AGENCY: [redacted]
DATE: 11/20/69
NOW PENDING: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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Source was unable to furnish any further details regarding the above activity of Abernathy.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-7859 & 157-257) (P)

SUBJECT: NEW MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO
END THE WAR IN VIETNAM,
DEMONSTRATION AT WASHINGTON, D.C.
11/15/69
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
Atlanta file 100-7859
Bufile 62-111181

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM
Atlanta file 157-257
Bufile 100-442706

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 11/5/69, captioned as above first caption; San Francisco airtel and LHM, 10/3/69, captioned "BLACK PANTHER PARTY - FUNDS; RACIAL MATTERS;" Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 10/27/69, captioned "BLACK PANTHER PARTY - FUNDS; RACIAL MATTERS;" and San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 10/10/69, captioned "BOBBY SEALE DEFENSE FUND; RM."

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 12) (RM)
3 - San Francisco (Encs. 3) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (RM)
8 - Atlanta (2 - 100-7859) (NMC)
(2 - 157-257) (Ralph Abernathy)
(1 - [redacted]
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - [redacted]
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AT 100-7859 &
AT 157-257

Sources referred to in enclosed LHM are as follows:

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During September, 1969, [redacted] advised that the Black Panther Party (BPP) contemplated requesting Abernathy to appear at a BPP benefit program in San Francisco about the middle of November, 1969.

[redacted]

Abernathy does not oppose the BPP per se. It is Abernathy's opinion that provided the BPP accomplishes some good, the organization is entitled to a place in the civil rights movement. Source noted Abernathy expressed this opinion when interviewed during the last week of October, 1969, in Los Angeles, California, on the Joey Bishop television program.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of American, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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Atlanta file 157-257
Bufile 100-442706

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 11/5/69, captioned as above, and teletype to Bureau, 11/14/69, captioned as above first caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies, and for San Francisco two copies, of an LHM prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above, and suitable for dissemination.

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) DATE: 11/19/69

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-2720) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM
OO: Atlanta

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information concerning captioned individual. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished Atlanta, Office of Origin.

Information concerning ABERNATHY's participation in the Moratorium Vietnam activities in Los Angeles during October 1969 was reported to Bureau under caption "Vietnam Moratorium Committee, IS-MISC". Information concerning

under caption "COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, RM, IS-C".

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
November 19, 1969

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

An article appeared in the November 15, 1969 issue of the "Los Angeles Times", page II-1, which reflected that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, attended a rally on November 14, 1969, at the Victory Baptist Church, 4802 South McKinley, Los Angeles, which was sponsored by the Community Council for Justice in Construction, an assembly of community organizations fighting to get black workers jobs in the construction industry.

Abernathy stated that he was in Los Angeles to help in the fight for survival of the black community against the construction industry which has a policy of discriminating against black people. When asked what strategy had been formulated to end this discrimination, Abernathy stated that the plans would be worked out with the local leadership.

Abernathy stated that he had not lost his faith in nonviolence and that he felt that it is necessary to give people legitimate channels through which to express their legitimate frustrations. He added that if they do not have the legitimate chance, they are going to turn to the illegitimate.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) DATE: 11/24/69

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-159) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY;
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Atlanta

Re Las Vegas teletype to Bureau 11/14/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Atlanta are six copies and two copies respectively of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The source utilized in the LHM, a [redacted] Clark County Sheriff's Office, furnished information on 11/13/69 to SA [redacted] b7C b7D

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Las Vegas, Nevada

November 24, 1969

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY;

Character RACIAL MATTERS

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Las Vegas, Nevada

November 24, 1969

RALPH D. ABERNATHY;
RACIAL MATTERS

On November 13, 1969, a confidential source advised Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy spoke at 8:00 P.M. on that date in the Student Union of the University of Nevada before a crowd of approximately three hundred people. During his talk, Abernathy assailed the "Greedy American" saying that 10 per cent of the people in the United States control 90 per cent of the wealth. Abernathy stated that the war in Viet Nam is "draining on our resources" and that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is protesting the war in Viet Nam nationally in communities through hunger strikes. The source concluded that the crowd attending Abernathy's speech were entirely peaceful.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY; RM

ACCORDING TO THE DECEMBER FOUR INSTANT EDITION OF "THE WASHINGTON POST", A DAILY WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), NEWSPAPER, THE REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY IS PRESENTLY IN WDC AS AN INVITED PARTICIPANT IN THE "WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FOOD, NUTRITION, AND HEALTH". THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO END ON DECEMBER FOUR INSTANT AND WAS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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On January 28, 1970, a confidential source advised he understood that at the present time most of the speeches delivered publically by Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), are primarily prepared by Tom Offenburger, Director, Public Relations, SCLC. On occasions, Offenburger is assisted in the preparation of these speeches by Thomas E. Houck, Jr., SCLC Field Representative.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

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A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousnes of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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FBI WASH DC*

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FBI ATLANTA

10:39AM 2-5-70 URGENT [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706, PITTSBURGH, AND WFO

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

DECLASSIFIED BY [redacted]
ON 7-16-92

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

[redacted]

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Date: 2/6/70

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA AND PITTSBURGH

FROM: SAC, WFO

b7C [redacted] RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM - SCLC, OO ATLANTA.

ON FEBRUARY FIVE LAST, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT CRAMTON AUDITORIUM, HOWARD UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D.C., NIGHT OF FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT. APPEARANCE IS IN CONNECTION WITH RAISING FUNDS FOR "MISSISSIPPI PROJECT" WHICH IS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES TO QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. b7C [redacted]

APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT.

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b7C [redacted] RE ATLANTA AIRTEL FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. ABOVE SOURCE IS [redacted] INSTANT TELETYPE CLASSIFIED b2 b7D

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

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RM

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AGENCY: AGST. [redacted]. OSI:SEC. SER: [redacted] ISD, CRD, RAO

DATE F[redacted] 4/11/70

HOW FU[redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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Atlanta, Georgia
February 5, 1970

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)(RUC)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM - SCLC
(OO: AT)

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ReWFOtel, 2/6/70.

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First source mentioned in LHM is [redacted] b2 b7C b7D

Second source is [redacted] b7C

Enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally by WFO to 116th MIG; OSI; NISO; AUSA, and U. S. Secret Service.

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1 - Pittsburgh (Enc.1)(Info)(RM)
2 - WFO
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AGENCY: [redacted], RAO ATT: IDIU, Cmd. [redacted]
Sec. Ser., OSI

(7) [redacted]

DATE FORWARDED: 2/18/70

HOW FORWARDED: [redacted] b7C b2c

BY: _____

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS -
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On February 5, 1970, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), would speak at Cramton Auditorium, Howard University, Washington, D.C., on the night of February 6, 1970. Source stated the appearance was in connection with raising funds for the "Mississippi Project" which is a program sponsored by Howard University students to provide health services for Quitman County, Mississippi.

The SCLC, mentioned above, is a nationally known civil rights organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

On February 9, 1970, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Abernathy appeared at Howard University as scheduled.

Source stated that he spoke to a crowd numbering approximately 1,000. Source stated that the speech was held without incident.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: [redacted] SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-1403) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Pittsburgh and Washington Field dated 2/5/70.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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DATE F[redacted] 2/24/70
HOW FURN: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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DATE: 2/24/70
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BY: [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM
Bufile 100-442706
Atlanta file 157-297

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b7C ATLANTA	ATLANTA	3/3/70	2/23/70 - 3/2/70

TITLE OF CASE

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

RM

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7-17-92

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NONPROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 9/10/69 b7C

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TO BUREAU: Two (2) copies of FD-376.

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CHICAGO, NEW YORK, AND WFO (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report being furnished Chicago, New York and WFO because of subject's frequent presence in territories covered by these offices.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
			NONE				PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED [redacted] b7C SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Agency	
Request Recd.	AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SER
Date Fwd.	180, CID, FAO-DZ
How Fwd.	DATE: 3/16/70
By	HOW: [redacted]

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Notation: RAC [redacted] SECT.

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AT 157-257

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will follow and submit pertinent information regarding subject's activities.

INFORMANT DATA:

Identity of Source	Location of Information
[redacted]	Instant Report
[redacted]	See Above
	157-257-1186
	157-257-1187
	157-257-1239
[redacted] Clark County Sheriff's Office, Reno, Nevada	

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Atlanta has not conducted active investigation of subject.

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For the same reason, information from this source should be classified confidential.

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This report is classified secret because it utilized information previously furnished by [redacted] regarding STANLEY LEVISON.

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AT 157-257

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the [ ] Security Index or [X] Agitator Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the [ ] Security Index Card [ ] Agitator Index Card are current.
3. [X] Changes on the [ ] Security Index Card [X] Agitator Index Card are necessary and [ ] Form FD-122 [XX] FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1968.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [ ] This report is classified See Page B because *(state reason)*

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. [X] This case has been reevaluated in the light of the [ ] Security Index [X] Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*
   as President of SCLC and because of influence this organization holds in civil rights field, subject possesses great potential to foment disorder by word or action.

10. [ ] Subject's SI card is tabbed [ ] Priority I [ ] Priority II [ ] Priority III.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because *(state reasons)*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 3, 1970

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☒ may be available through FBI, Atlanta

Very truly yours,

SECRET

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1)
U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia (RM)

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1 - NIS, Charleston, South Carolina (RM)
1 - U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga. (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted] 6C Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: March 3, 1970

Field Office File #: 157-257 Bureau File #: 100-442706

Title: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: ABERNATHY continues to reside at 690 LaVerne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., and to be employed as Pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta. He also continues to serve as President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headquartered in Atlanta. SCLC activity set forth indicating some association with several individuals having prior CP membership and/or sympathy. 6D [redacted]

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DETAILS:

Residence

As of February 27, 1970, ABERNATHY continued to reside with his wife and family at 690 LaVerne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

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Employment

ABERNATHY as of February 27, 1970, continued to be employed as Pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta. In addition, he continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the headquarters of which is located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

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ABERNATHY was a guest of the Ceasar's Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, during the period September 7, 1969, to September 10, 1969.

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The November, 1969, issue (Volume 2, No. 4) of "Soul Force," self-identified as the "Official Journal of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference," on page two indicated HARRY BELAFONTE to be a member of the SCLC Board of Directors.

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The September 13, 1969, issue of the "Minneapolis Star," daily Minneapolis, Minnesota, newspaper, published an article reflecting that on September 12, 1969, ABERNATHY addressed the United States Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis. This article in part stated that ABERNATHY challenged participants in this congress to work for the end of the "Godless and senseless" war in Vietnam and to work for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations "--so the problems of the world can be solved around the conference table."

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The SCLC Executive Staff held a retreat September 15, 1969, through September 19, 1969, at the In The Oakes Episcopal Diocese Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina, which was chaired by ABERNATHY. [redacted]

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On October 15, 1969, ABERNATHY was in Los Angeles, California, and participated in Moratorium Vietnam activity in that city.

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A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the SCLC Board of Directors and the SCLC Executive Staff was held in Atlanta on October 31, 1969. ABERNATHY presided over this meeting, and among those in attendance were JAMES BEVEL and STANLEY LEVISON.

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In October, 1969, JAMES BEVEL was Director of Nonviolent Education, SCLC.

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The November, 1969, issue of "Soul Force," supra., reflects STANLEY LEVISON to be a member of the SCLC Board of Directors.

A characterization of LEVISON is set forth in the Appendix Section of this report.

b2c [redacted] Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on November 10, 1969, that on the evening of that date ABERNATHY led a march of approximately 1,500 individuals in Memphis. Individuals participating in this march represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Local 1733 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. By making this march, these individuals defied an earlier ruling of the Memphis Police Department that such marches could not be conducted after 3:30 P.M. On November 10, 1969, ABERNATHY was one of many participants in this march arrested by the Memphis Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct.

ABERNATHY spoke November 13, 1969, at the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada. During his speech he stated the war in Vietnam is "draining on our resources" and that SCLC was protesting this war through hunger strikes.

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The December 4, 1969, issue of the "Washington Post," daily Washington, D. C., newspaper, published an article reflecting that on that date ABERNATHY was attending a "Whitehouse

Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health" at the request of President NIXON.

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As of January, 1970, most of the speeches delivered publically by ABERNATHY are prepared by THOMAS OFFENBURGER, Director of Public Relations, SCLC, who on occasions is assisted by THOMAS E. HOUCK, JR., SCLC Field Representative.

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From January 21, 1970, through January 31, 1970, ABERNATHY visited Sweden as a guest of the Swedish Government. STONEY COOKS was one of several individuals who accompanied ABERNATHY to Sweden.

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The SCLC mail appeal is a program of soliciting financial contributions to SCLC via mail from selected donors. This program is handled by the New York City office of SCLC under the general supervision of STANLEY LEVISON.

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The February 4, 1970, "Blue Streak" edition of the "Atlanta Journal," daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 12A published an article captioned "Abernathy Lashes at Nixon on Slow School Integration," bylined HARMON PERRY. This article concerned ABERNATHY's press conference that date during which he referred to a recent week-long visit to Sweden. ABERNATHY stated he had attended a banquet while in Sweden at which he was presented a $50,000.00 check by Prime Minister OLOF PALME for SCLC "to carry on the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. --," (former President, SCLC).

The aforementioned news article also reflected that ABERNATHY, during the press conference February 4, 1970, was critical of the Federal Government for not taking more forceful action regarding school desegregation in the South. The article stated "Abernathy said President Richard Nixon fails to uphold the Constitution and his oath of office when he does not see that action is taken when laws are violated."

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JACK O'DELL

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The Summer, 1968, issue of "Freedomways" lists J. H. O'Dell (Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

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According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve two to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, Georgia Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

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The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

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A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that 500 delegates attended the founding convention for the new youth organization which was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted.

A third source advised in January, 1969, that the future course of the DCA was discussed at the National Committee (NC) meeting of the CPUSA held January 4-6, 1969, in New York City. The discussion included a history of the development of the DCA, namely, that it was founded as a socialist-oriented youth organization but to the CP it meant a Marxist-Leninist organization which would provide the CP with flexibility in its approach to radicalized youth and maximum possibilities for the legality of the organization. The CP leaders at the NC meeting were considering ways of bringing new life into the organization so they can reach a greater number of people.

The second source advised on April 28, 1969, that Jarvis Tyner is the National Chairman of the DCA and is also on the NC of the CPUSA.

A fourth source advised on June 3, 1969, that the DCA moved to new quarters on June 2, 1969, located at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB OF WEST LOS ANGELES

On April 23, 1964, a source advised that the W. E. B. Du Bois Club of West Los Angeles, was organized by RUTH GREENBAUM with the assistance of MARVIN TREIGER in February, 1964.

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The first source above stated that the Du Bois Club was organized mainly to meet the needs of Marxist - Orientated students at the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA), but that the club eventually hoped to spread its influence into other areas in West Los Angeles.

The records of the Office of Dean of Student Activities at UCLA, reveal that in February, 1964, the Du Bois Club filed for permission to hold meetings and other special functions on the UCLA campus and that permission was granted. The chairman of the Du Bois Club was listed as RUTH GREENBAUM. In making this application, the club listed a statement of purpose which states in part, "We the members of the W.E.B. Du Bois Club of West Los Angeles, join together to help further the development of a socialist system, free from ignorance, poverty, fear and the economic power exercised by the few over the many.

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"Although we view socialism as the likely solution to the ills of the present society, we do not make this an a priori commitment for any honest person to join with us in fighting for a better America and a more rational world."

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB
OF WEST LOS ANGELES

A fourth source advised on March 25, 1965, that since its inception, the activities of the Du Bois Club have been mainly limited to participation in protests against alleged racial discrimination, participation in Marxist classes, participation in conferences which led to the creation of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America in the summer of 1964 and participation in demonstrations protesting U. S. intervention in Viet Nam. This source advised that the W. E. B. DuBois Club of West Los Angeles is now affiliated with the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America and is operating as a chapter of that organization.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam, and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

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CONFIDENTIAL second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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A second source advised on May 25, 1961, that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP by James Jackson. This source advised on April 23, 1969, that James Jackson is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department of the CPUSA and that his wife, Esther Jackson, is the current Managing Editor of "Freedomways", a magazine published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, located at 799 Broadway, New York, New York.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/23/70

FROM : SAC, ALEXANDRIA (157-122)(C)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7c
RM - NSWPP

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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM and one for WFO, due to proximity, entitled [redacted] b7c in view of derogatory statements made by her in the past at the NSWPP Headquarters in Arlington, Va. She has not been identified as a member of the NSWPP.

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Sources mentioned in LHM are as follows:

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Reference Alexandria memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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A third source advised that [redacted] visited at the NSWPP Headquarters [redacted]

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The first source advised [redacted] attended NSWPP demonstrations in Arlington, Virginia, on March 7 and 14, 1970, wherein the Arlington School Board was being criticized for not allowing the NSWPP to hold a rally at Yorktown High School in Arlington.

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NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY
Also Known As The American Nazi Party,
American Nazis, The World Union of Free
Enterprise National Socialists, The
George Lincoln Rockwell Party

On May 26, 1969, a source advised that the American Nazi Party - World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP-WUFENS) was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1956. It was based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement, as espoused by the German Nazi Party, which was headed by Adolf Hitler. The ANP-WUFENS supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists, through speeches, published literature, demonstrations and publicity-seeking devices for the purpose of seeking a legitimate dominant political party within the United States and foreign countries.

"The Richmond News Leader" issued dated April 4, 1963, published daily at Richmond, Virginia, stated that this organization is chartered in the State of Virginia as "The George Lincoln Rockwell Party" and that the Virginia Assembly prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia-chartered organization. As of January 1, 1967, the official name of this organization was changed to "National Socialist White People's [illegible]," according to Commander Rockwell.

On August 25, 1967, George Lincoln Rockwell was assassinated in Arlington, Virginia, near the ANP Headquarters Building. The August 28, 1967, issued of the "Northern Virginia Sun," a daily newspaper published at Arlington, Virginia, stated that Matthias Koehl, Jr., took command of the Party after Rockwell's assassination.

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April 27, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is the first time in seventy-two years that I have had a desire to write to your Department. I am enclosing a letter and a clipping telling my message completely.

President Nixon has attempted to clean up the courts. Judge Miller seems to have joined the undesirable group. Please stop him.

Sincerely [redacted]

To ack. in view of controversial nature of [redacted] b7c communication, it is not believed Director should reply to the request to investigate Judge Miller. [redacted] is 1C Basis. b7c

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Abernathy Asks Support Of Panthers

New York (AP) — The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, urges that liberal and progressive forces join a rally May 1 in New Haven in support of Balck Panthers.

Abernathy issued the call Monday at a news conference here.

He said the "racist justice" that drove his predecessor, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to the streets of the South in 1955 "is now driving us to the streets of the North—New York, New Haven, Chicago—signalling the beginning of the end of the Mitchell-Nixon-Agnew-Thurmond era."

The pro-Panther rally, advertised in Connecticut as a three-day festival, is scheduled for the New Haven Green at a time coinciding with a planned Yale University Law Schol Alumni celebration.

New Haven is the site of a trial in which 14 Black Panthers, including party co-chairman Bobby Seale, are charged in connection with the murder of Alex Rackley, a party member from New York.

Abernathy joined Chicago Conspiracy members at the news conference in denouncing the action of Connecticut Judge Harold Mulvey, who jailed two national Black Panther leaders last week for contempt of court.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
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MR. BISHOP

Vice President Spiro Agnew called. He said he wanted to talk to me about something to see whether I could be of some assistance. He said he was really concerned about the continuing inflammatory pronouncements of Ralph D. Abernathy. I commented that he is one of the worst. The Vice President said he has seen some of the background material on him and he knows what that is, but it is beyond the pale as far as executive use is concerned. He said in view of what went on in Augusta and other places it is important to have the information that revolved around this; the involvement of these people, what information we have, whether fleeing from looting or what is going on. He asked if there is any information available. b7C [redacted] 100-442706-1

I told him we are working on these at the present time, both in Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson, where the recent demonstrations have taken place. I said we have pretty well concluded our investigation at Kent State University as to the shooting and, as always happens, we found a considerable amount of firearms in the dormitories and rooms of the students, whether they used them or not is a question; some say there was sniping and some say there was not. I said the same is true at Jackson as there are allegations of sniping at the troops before they fired and denials. We are interviewing all the individuals who had any knowledge, students, et cetera. I said the problem at Kent was they closed the university and the students departed for all parts of the country, but we finished the preliminary report on that and will finish today the final report on Kent, while at Atlanta, Augusta, and Jackson, it will probably be another week before we will have the preliminary reports. I said it is six of one and a half dozen of another, as you can't say it is proper to shoot, but we found at Kent that they were throwing 7 pound rocks at the soldiers and they hit one Guardsman in the back and knocked him down. There is just so much a human being can stand, and it is the same thing here at Maryland University. I said the National Guard is on the campus and they propose to

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have a demonstration today and the Guardsmen are present, but they have been blocking Highway No. 1 most every day. I said very fortunately, they have arrested and charged three of the leaders for the damage done to the Administration Building when they went in the other night and broke the furniture, et cetera.

The Vice President said what he wants to be able to do is bring out some facts the media conveniently overlooked. I said they never give the things that are being done constructively, many times by students, to try to prevent this, but they emphasize all the things these jerks are doing.

The Vice President said he saw a picture about Augusta showing some of the Negroes jumping out of store windows with loot and booty and fleeing and you never hear anything about that. He said whatever I can give him that can ameliorate some of the impact; that he understands some of these things are wrong and we are probably going to find some of the shootings showed too much force, but none the less, the people have to understand the very thrust of the newspaper articles is that a bunch of police shot down six Negroes and what happened before -- why did they shoot at them -- not just because they felt like killing people. I said they were severely provoked at Kent and we will finish Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson this week.

I told the Vice President I was sending to him Wednesday, the material [redacted] asked for, which gives in summary the material we have sent in detail.

The Vice President said he thought he was going to have to start destroying Abernathy's credibility, so anything I can give him would be appreciated. I told him I would be glad to. I said I was the only one who spoke out against Martin Luther King and I got hell, but I did not give a damn because it is more like bouquets than brickbats from some people. The Vice President said we can't let demagogues become martyrs and heroes. I said I had briefed the Appropriations Committee about his (King's) background and it has been effective recently because they have been trying

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to make a national holiday of his birthday, and many of the congressmen who know the facts are opposing it. I said I did not put it on the record, but I told the Appropriations Committee about his Piccadillos and his degeneracy as we had recordings, but it was never made public as I gave it off the record to the Committee and they have, in turn, briefed some of their colleagues, but I will see that he, the Vice President, gets the details even before we finish the report.

The Vice President said he would like to be thoroughly conversant with all of that because if the crisis comes where we need to throw it, he will. I told him I would get it over in the next 24 to 48 hours as to the highlights. The Vice President thanked me.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
The Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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The following information from a source of this Bureau in the racial field is in response to your request to be advised regarding the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Abernathy spoke before a black Baptist ministers' conference at a church in New York City on May 18, 1970. In a highly emotional speech he called for the unification of black churchmen in the United States and for a re-examination of their nonviolent attitudes. He implored them to take a more positive position in the racial struggle and beseeched them not to identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., since, according to Abernathy, the nonviolent struggle in the United States is dying out. He cited the recent shootings in Augusta, Georgia, and Jackson, Mississippi, as reasons for his belief that nonviolence is dying. He alleged that Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia, whom he called "Governor Madman Maddox," gave local police, state police, and the National Guard wholesale authority to slaughter black people.

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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
The Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

In response to your request, there is attached information regarding militant statements by Ralph David Abernathy who, although he advocates nonviolence, has invited violence by some of his statements. The material also includes information about sexual immorality, Abernathy's luxurious accommodations during the Poor People's Campaign, and his support of the Black Panther Party.

For your information, Abernathy on May 18, 1970, announced a march against violence, brutality, and killing to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, May 23, 1970. Abernathy said that the names of the Nation's "Ten Most Unwanted Politicians" will be revealed during this march.

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MILITANT STATEMENTS MADE BY
RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY,
PRESIDENT OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Abernathy purports to advocate nonviolence but has made a number of statements which, while not directly advocating violence, certainly invite violence. Examples of these statements follow.

In May, 1968, at the beginning of the Poor People's Campaign, a massive march on Washington, D. C., sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Abernathy told an audience in Atlanta, Georgia, "I don't want anyone to expect me to be Martin Luther King, Jr. I say to the Nation, to the United States, with Ralph Abernathy you've got hell on your hands." In the same month in Birmingham, Alabama, Abernathy said, "Under Doctor King we were just going to rock the boat, but under the leadership of Doctor Ralph Abernathy, I'm going to go a step farther. We're going to turn this Nation upside-down and right side up."

In May, 1968, at a speech in Atlanta, Georgia, Abernathy referred to an unpaid bill for generations of irresponsibility, oppression and neglect. He said, "The bill is going to be collected - willingly or unwillingly, in civilized decency and love or in fear and hate and the flames of destruction. Time is not running out, but rather, time has run out."

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MILITANT STATEMENTS MADE BY RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

According to the Chicago Tribune August 30, 1968, Abernathy addressed 3,000 peace demonstrators in Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, on August 29, 1968, during the time the Democratic Convention was being held in Chicago. He referred to police officers as "pigs" as black extremists regularly do and said that nothing was taking place on the Convention floor. He then added, "But the Lord knows it is happening here, and more will take place because we are going to sock it to 'em, baby," referring to clashes which had already occurred between demonstrators and police.

In May, 1969, apparently angered at what he considered a poor reception received by his poor people's delegation from the Nixon Administration, Abernathy said time was running out on nonviolence as an approach to solving the Nation's problems. He said, "I do not know how much longer nonviolence can be effective in this country. If the Nation fails to display some consideration (for the people), then I tremble for my America." He added that if the Nixon Administration fails to hear nonviolent voices, then they will have to listen to violent voices.

In September, 1969, while speaking in Atlanta, Georgia, Abernathy said the country is "on the verge of political repression and possibly even bloody revolution." He warned that "there is a limit to people's endurance of injustice and America is rapidly approaching that limit."

On August 13, 1969, Abernathy emphatically embraced and endorsed a plan for counseling young men to refuse to be drafted into military service. The plan was presented to the Annual Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

Abernathy's inconsistency in his nonviolent posture is matched by the same attribute in the personal conduct of this preacher.

MILITANT STATEMENTS MADE BY RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the night of August 29, 1958, Abernathy dashed from his church office in Montgomery, Alabama, pursued by an irate husband wielding a hatchet who accused Abernathy of having a relationship with his wife. The wife of the assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November, 1958, that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with Abernathy before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "He never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage. She had been a member of Abernathy's church. The jury reportedly deliberated only ten minutes before acquitting the husband of charges in connection with his attack on Abernathy.

During the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D. C., Abernathy was headquartered at the Pitts Motor Hotel in Washington, D. C., while his followers were mired in the mud in Resurrection City, a shantytown near the Lincoln Memorial. This became a point of contention among his followers and on one occasion Abernathy slept at Resurrection City. However, he returned to the Pitts Motor Hotel during the night after suffering "stomach pains."

Abernathy has supported the violence-prone Black Panther Party. In the latter part of 1969 he made several public statements favorable to the Black Panthers. On April 20, 1970, Abernathy urged liberal and progressive forces to join a rally on behalf of the Black Panthers at New Haven, Connecticut, on May 1, 1970.

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Racial Matter

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RM

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THIS DATE CAPTIONED SUBJECT DELIVERED A FORTY-FIVE TO FIFTY MINUTE "SERMON" BEFORE A BLACK BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE HELD AT THE CONVENT AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH FOUR TWENTY CONVENT AVE., NYC. IN A "IN A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL SPEECH" ABERMATHY CALLED FOR REEXAMINATION OF UNIFICATION OF BLACK CHURCHMAN ACROSS THE USA AND A ~~REEXAMINATION~~ THEIR NON-VIOLENT ATTITUDE. HE IMPLORED THEM TO TAKE A MORE POSITIVE POSITION IN RACIAL STRUGGLE AND BESEECHED THEM NOT TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING AS THE NON-VIOLENT STRUGGLE IN THE USA WAS DYING OUT. HE SIGHTED THE RECENT SHOOTING IN AUGUSTA GA., AND JACKSON, MISS., AS THE REASON FOR NON-VIOLENCE DYING. HE SAID THAT ON MAY TWENTY THREE NEXT HE WOULD ISSUE A LIST OF THE TEN MOST UNWANTED POLITICIANS IN AMERICA, HE DID NOT ELABORATE. HE STATED THE SCLC WOULD HOLD A

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5-19-70

The attached pertains to remarks by Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, before a black Baptist Ministers Conference in New York City 5-18-70.

Abernathy implored the ministers to take a more positive position and not identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., as the nonviolent struggle in the U.S. is dying out.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions to keep the Vice President advised on Abernathy's activities, information in attached will be furnished to the Vice President by letter. In addition, copies of attached will be furnished Inter-Division Information Unit.

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Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) DATE: 5/20/70

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SAC, NEW YORK (157-1748) -C-

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
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ReNYtels to Bureau, 5/18 and 5/19/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a tape recording of captioned subject's speech delivered in NYC 5/18/70. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a verbatim transcript of this speech.

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Reverend Ralph David Abernathy

"Thank you very kindly. Thank you very, very kindly. To the distinguished President of the Ministers Conference of Greater New York and vicinity my good friend Doctor Ira Moore who is ill and impossible to be with us at this time and to the illustrious Vice President Nicholson who presides and carries on in such a grand and marvelous fashion and to the Vice President Moore and program chairmen and Vice President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference my colleague my friend, my student and fellow warrior of many battles the Reverend Doctor Wyatt T. Walker. And let me use the words of the old Baptist Preacher my fellow Yokemen. In the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I need no pause to tell you how delighted I am to have the privilege to return again to this pulpit (unintelligible), our national board member and chairmen of our personnel committee Doctor M. L. Wilson. And above all to be a part of this rich fellowship, My fellow ministers of the Gospel, Missionaires and brothers, sisters and above all my christian friends. I remember very well a year ago when I had the privilege to stand here and speak to you. I will never forget that memorable occasion and always look forward to coming to the New York Conference. I made very clear to my Secretary that there is no clearing of date with me. The date was cleared in eternity. And I have the permission and all I need is the platform and I will be in New York if God is willing to tell my story and the witness of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am delighted to have my roommate in college and friend for many years fellow pastor in Atlanta the Reverend Doctor Howard W. (Unintelligible) share the pulpit with me today.

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When I arrived in New York on last evening to deliver my fourth message for the day on yesterday, I discovered that Reverend (Unintelligibel) was here and he discovered that I was in town and we have been great friends across the years, and he could not leave knowing that I was here. So we have come to share together this experience. Let me pause and thank each of you my bretheren, all of you, I know you so very well that I could call each name by name. For the excellent support and backing that you have given me across the years. As I look into your faces today you will never know just how much it means to come beck to New York and to see you and listen to my good friend from Hackensack Brother Coleman blend his beautiful voice with the beautiful voice of another prophet and tell us that what we really need during these crucial times is more love. I know that you cannot know the agony and the burdensome responsibilities that rest upon my shoulders and have rested so heavly for the last sixteen years, but much more so within the last twenty four months. I am sure you can sympathize and empathize to a degree what someone said to me, I guess it was the (unintelligible) Wolfson in his office a few moments ago, Ralph I read where you were in Augusta on yesterday eulogizing individuals who had been shot down there and then your here today and I said I was here last night speaking at the Pierre Hotel for a commeration service in which Eli Landow, the movie producer, the man who produced the film "King from Montgomery to Memphis" was being placed into the Hall of Fame by his Alma Mater. He said I don't see how you made it. I said I don't see how I made it either except for your prayers and the prayers of the brotherhood and the prayers of the sisterhood. See God is still on the throne and we have to realize the fact that there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emanuels veins. And (unintelligible) beneath that blood loose all their guilt and fame. If you

constantly draw on a will it will soon run dry unless you replenish that well. But if you know where the fountain is then you will hook up with the fountain . And even though resources may be taken from the well an abundant supply of resources are constantly coming into the well. An that's how I make it. When the young look at me Friday at Walter Reuthers funeral in Detroit and said to me Ralph I don't know about your leader, I have serious questions about him teasing when he said these words. Because we take all the good people away, but I don't see him bothering the Wallace's and the Eastland's at all. I have serious question about you leader. And he went on to emmerate many of those who had been taken. At that time Brother Doctor Smith, had not been taken down in Philadelphia, but he called off the list and said I don't know about your leader. And I said well maybe you don't know him Whitney, but I know about him. I don't understand how he worked sometimes - but I know he's on the case. I don't know what he has in store for one or for my people, but I do know that he will do right that he's always on time, and it may be that he is carrying us through the valley and the shadow of death in order that we may use it as a dressing room for eternity. You didn't hear me, I said that it may be he is carrying us through the valley and the shadow of death at this period in order that we may use it as a dressing room for eternity. And when I talk about eternity I'm not talking about some far distant day and the land just beyond the river, but I'm talking about a better day a better life on this side of the river for all of God's children. I want to speak to you today on the subject "Beyond these Sacred Walls", "Beyond these Sacred Walls", I have left the subject out of the text found in holy (unintelligible) It comes to us out of the 3rd chapter of Revelations. These are the words of Jesus as he spoke to the Church at Sodom, using John as the scribe (unintellibible)

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And he writes what John was in the spirit and he wrote not as John, but he wrote for the spirit. And in these letters to these peasant churches of Asia minor, to the church of (unintelligible, he says I know thy whips, that thou have the reputation of being alive, but I know that thou are dead - but strengthen what you have left even though it be on the verge of nothing. Beyond these sacred walls, there is a familiar statement, but it is a true statement, that the church is not living up to its responsibilities. During these critical and awful times in which we live, it has long been said that for too long the church has been a tail light rather than a head light. For too long we have majored in the things which we should have minored in and minored in the things we should have majored in, Some have gone so far as to say that the church is dead. Well,if the church is not dead I would like to hasten to say that most certainly it is on its death bed. And when I talk about the church I'm not talking about buildings, I'm not talking about cathedrals, I'm not talking about sanctuaries, I'm not talking about institutionalized religion, I'm not talking about that provement that Jesus was speaking about when he addressed the apostle Peter and made his own (unintelligible) concerning who he was and what people thought about him and it set Peter straight on the record, because Peter in his arrogance thought that somehow he had amassed enough knowledge,

and wisdom to know who Jesus was and Jesus set the record straight - had have to know that flesh and blood could not reveal this answer to you - but any father in heaven gave it to you - but you do have a faith that is stronger than (unintelligible) its a rock, and upon this faith, upon this determination I will build my church. Not on the certain corner in New York or (unintelligible) in Tokyo or on a boulevard in Atlanta but on upon this (unintelligible) will I build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. He built it - there were no beautiful organs around - there were no stained glass windows there were no four walls of the sanctuary that could possibly encampass what he had to say so when I talk about the Church I'm talking about movement - I'm not talking about institution-alized religion - already institutionalized religion has failed. It has failed - If you were expecting the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches or if you were expecting the West 100th Street Baptist Church to save you then I have news for you - you are lost - As there are goats in all of these institutions wrapped up in sheeps clothing and there are so many (unintelligible) who wishes to use the Church as a vehicle that will bring the wealth into their pockets and will in some way preserve this ethnic forth and add to their longevity down here until they cannot give themselves to the things of the spirit - Institutionalized religion has always already failed. So many wants to be the chief but they don't have time to be a part of the crew - So many want to be the captain that they neglect the responsibilities that a crew must do in order to make a captain be a captain - so many are so busy in being the soloist that they forget to sing the song. One man made it very clear when he said that if you cannot on the ocean sail among the surf test fleet rocking on the highest billows and laughing at the (unintelligible) you meet, you can stand within the harbor anchored yet within the

bay, you can lend a hand to help them as they launched their boats away - See, the world will soon forget the soloist but the song will linger on - I don't know who it was in my little Hopewell Baptist Church in Painbow County, Alabama on Tuesday afternoon who took the solo and said, Father, I stretch my hand to thee nor they (unintelligible) I know if thou withdraw thy self from me, O'whether shall I go - what did thy only son endure before I drew my first breath, what pain, what labor to procure my soul from endless death. I don't know who the soloist was for then when they go on far enough in the song to the point when they said I came to Jesus as I was, I was ready. I was warned and I was saved - I found in him a resting place and he has made me glad I decided that that was my moment and that was my hour to hook up with that Jesus - I have forgotten the soloist, but I have not forgotten the song.

"Institutionalized religion has already failed. I went into the driveway of the West 100th Street Church a few Sundays ago - the Chairman of the board of deacons was downstairs with my robe - said to me 'Brother Pastor you've running late this morning - but we understand you have so many places to go I guess you just got back in town' - I said no, I didn't just get back in town, I've been in town now for six or eight hours. He said -'but you're running late this morning and we're disturbed'.

I said late for what. He said late for the morning worship - the choir is all standing ready for the processional and the organ's playing - we need the pastor to give the call to worship so I brought the robe downstairs - And I said I'm not running late - I'm on time. Enroute here this morning I saw an old woman lying prostrate across the highway - she was suffering from malnutrition and hunger - she had had no breakfast that morning this morning - she had had had no dinner yesterday - it had been three days since she'd had anything to

eat - and her last meal came from a garbage pail, where I received the strength from I don't know - I said, I put her in my car and I carried her on down to Greater Hospital and I stayed there long enough until they knew who brought her and they dismissed the internist and sent for a specialist - I've already had my church - I looked the deacon straight in the eye and said I've already had my church - I just came by here to help you all out this morning - don't tell me that I'm late - I'm on time - see, institutionalized religion has too often gotten caught up like the priest and the levite - on our way to conduct the services at Jericho they heard the groans of a man in the gutter they looked at their watch and then they felt the beat of their heart their watch said it was time to begin service at the First Baptist Church in Jericho and their hearts said to them if you stop here and administer to the needs of this man, the same thing that happened to him will happen to you - and then the devil spoke to them loudly and said you better get out of here - and they passed by on the other side - So all the institutionalized religion has passed by on the other side and left our brothers in the gutter - but thanks be to God there is a spirit that still alive and you can feel that spirit anywhere and at anytime if you are part of that movement. You don't have to be in a certain church or a certain pew with a certain choir in the loft with a certain preacher in the pulpit - in fact you don't have to be in a church at all if you have that spirit - Somebody here ought to know what I'am talking about - sometimes its early in the morning and its the scene of your movement in your Buick, your Cadillac, your Chevrolet, your Ford that gets to be the organ, sometimes your at work and it gets to be the work that you're carrying on that becomes the choir - For my mother every Monday morning, washday, it was a (unintelligible) as begins to sing "Amazing Grace" and push the clothing down - I couldn't understand why she was crying because there

was no organ anywhere and there she would begin to hum what she had sought to articulate in words because she was so burdened down and I couldn't hear any music anywhere and I would question Mama and she would look at me and say 'Son it's over my head'.

"Beyond these sacred walls of the Church, is to do its job somehow it must get its message beyond the sacred walls of the Church - for too early we have been an old amber lantern serving. We are securing the preaching, caring for the dying. Get up every morning and go to Church we don't carry anybody with us we don't urge anybody to go with us. We don't stop on the way and say a word to a girl or a boy that's going astray. We only drive all all to ourselves in a four or five thousand dollar automobile to carry a 165 or 75 pound individual to a Church.

"Where we hide ourselves behind the sacred walls. And sing in Christ there is no East or West. Oh, you may not tell me, but I know you can tell him saying that you have the reputation of being alive but I know that you're dead - Oh, you may not tell you are but I can hear him saying to you right now your investments in Standard Oil and the Shell Motor Company is being used in South Africa to segregate black people on less than ten per cent of their land. You have the reputation of being alive. I have searched your church rolls and you tell me that you have 3000 members, you have the reputation of being alive you tell me as a denomination you have 5,000,000 members. You have the reputation of being alive, you tell me that you have robes for every member of your choir you tell me that you have a million dollar building.

"You have the reputation of being alive, you're in with the power structure. You can talk with the mayor, you can call him by his first name, you can eat cookies and drink tea with the Chamber of Commerce, you have the reputation of being alive. But I know that you are dead - you're dead because you are

insensitive to the violence and the repression that is taking place in the world today. There once was a time that it was popular to talk about a war in Viet Nam, but you don't have to limit your discussion to Viet Nam anymore. You don't have to limit your discussion to Indo-China or to Cambodia. You can bring it on back, for the violence that the white man hath inflicted upon our brown brethern, in the rice paddies of Viet Nam 10,000 miles away from home, has invaded this land.

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Black students shot down in the back while running in Orangeburg, South Carolina, at South Carolina State College, but it does not become a massacre it doesn't even come to our attention until four white students are shotdown in the peace movement at Kent State University in Ohio. Its been violence all along, it was just violence against black folk and it didn't matter as long as it was against black folk, but then when it was perpetrated against white folk in a peace movement. See many white students I told them the other day out at Colorado State University thought that they could find refuge in the peace movement. So they forsake the human rights movement,the civil rights movement, and they herded to the peace movement. well there's no hiding place down here. The system is out to get us all. You don't have to say a word in defense of the Black Panthers you don't have to picket anybody, you don't have to stand up and vocalize or articulate your hopes and aspirations, but remember this, you name is on the list.

Somebody asked me the other day, how is it that you being a non-violent leader can speak out on behalf of the Black Panthers, and yet they advocate violence, I said I can speak out for them, because they is the children of God. See I'm not a civil rights fighter, I'm a preacher of the gospel and its just a point of my gospel to free the captives, to set a liverty the (unintelligible) to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord to buil to foundation of the world, I was called to preach the gospel, thats all I am, a preacher of the gospel. Long before my daddy met my mother I was called to preach the gospel. Long before he got close enough to her to steal the first kiss Ralph Abernathy was called back behind the curtains of eternity when there was nothing for God to stand on, before he stepped out from no where on something and said let there be light and there was light, I was put in the class with Paul, with Selas, with Anios, with Josea, Jeremiah. Long before the sperm fertilized the egg in my mothers womb I was called to preach

the gospel and like Jeremiah right now, I feel like preaching. Its like fire thats shut up in my bones, and I can't keep my peace. I didn't understand that woman that went to Jacob's well one day and found Jesus up there because he was tired with his journey, coming out of Judea to Sirene to stop off at Samaria. I didn't understand her as she ran through the street crying aloud come see a man, told me everything that I've done. But since Jesus came into my heart, I've been running. Sometimes the world knocked one down, but I get up and brush myself off, and I just run anyhow. Sometimes they talk about me, but I just brush myself off and go on in his name.

Because I know that there'd be a (unintelligible) about one in the lamp, book and glory. Se I don't worry about making the front page of the New York Times, because I've already made the front page of the Times in heaven. I don't have to worry about Newsweek, because I'm making news and glory right now.

Beyond these sacred walls the church must take a stand against the violence and repression that being practiced today against young people. I can hear him saying to me now about my panther brothers, other sheep I have that are not of this fold. I can hear him say I one sheep shall leave the fold.

(unintelligible) most white people today think that they are right because they are white and black people feel that they are wrong and they got to get back because they are black but a new day has come on the horizon. We have discovered that we are all children of God and we want our share of the pie in fact, we don't any longer want it, but we gonna get it - we're demanding it, give it to us right now. You can hear it everywhere - on the banks of the Mississippi - on the swamps of Louisiana - on the cotton fields of Alabama - the red clay fields of Georgia - the ghettos of Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant area, (unintelligible) over in Newark (unintelligible) in Chicago.

"We are out in Los Angeles. I want my freedom now. Put it in to all America. Get the message beyond the sacred walls of the church and then remember this that you still have something that remains - I know it isn't nothing, it isn't much but all you got to do is to strengthen it and use what you have. Thanks be to God that the Church is the archieve of truth and rightiousness it is the archives of love and brotherhood of peace and above all it is the archives of the way to salvation. For I hear Jesus say let not your heart be troubled he believe in God, I'm through now, believe also in me for in my fathers house there are many masters. If it wasn't so, I would have told you, I go to the prayer and pray for you. But then I can hear Thomas say Master if you go, how can we find the way and I heard Jesus say I am the way - I am the truth and I am the light. You excuse me now but my soul just got in tune with the soul of (unintelligible).

"I just took fire with the power (unintelligible). I hear door bells ringing in my soul. I am talking about (unintelligible) what the hell does it (unintelligible). I've got something thats here in me. I've got a little love that still remains. I've got a little patience that still remains. I've got a little motherhood that still remains. But above all, I've got Jesus. And he still remains.

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And I am going on in the house. I don't care what happens to me. They killed my best friend, Martin Luther King, 19 times we were in jail together. They cut him down in cold blood and then they tried to compare us. They say Ralph Abernathy can't be Martin Luther King. Well I want you to know I am not trying to be Martin Luther King. But Martin Luther King couldn't be Ralph David Abernathy. I am just trying to stand up for the rights of my people and take my gospel, the gospel of my lord and savior Jesus Christ, your gospel beyond the four sacred walls of you church. And I am going to carry, I don't care what they do to me. They can bomb my home but they can't kill me. They can dynamite my church but they can't kill me. They can assassinate my parasites but they can't get to me. They can lock me up in jail but they can't get to me. Because I got a cloak about me. Jesus put it around me one day, built a fence around me, the devil can't get over it, and I have no desire to get over there. So I stay where I am. Until Shilo comes, Ralphs started lord. To walk in the light (unintelligible).

'Shine it upon me from heaven so bright. I take the word and its (unintelligible) the truth. I've started, I've started its restin time but I've started, it gets dark sometime but I've started - I long for you lord and I've started. I want to go to the citizens lord but I've started - a minute a day - we started on the race but for the light there is still to keep pace, but for the light, there is still to keep pace. Others accepted it because it was new but my (unintelligible) expect to go through. I want to tell you something as I go to Georgia now as I go back to Augusta now let me tell you something as I go back to Atlanta now I'd rather walk with Jesus along than have for a fellow black (unintelligible) of stone.'

"Livin', livin', livin', livin' and when I say burn, I mean dying, during each moment with his faith in Jesus then for my pathway and face to go through I'm going through, I'm going through, are you going through I'm going through, o yeah, o yeah going through with Jesus.

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Question: Charles Moore WLIB

How do you feel about Attorney General Mitchell go into Jackson, Mississippi for an investigation?

Answer: Well, I just feel that he's late, I said I hope that he would move on time so that individuals will not be plain and killed and shot down innocently before to Attorney General moves in. What we actually meed is support for the so called law and order policy which we hear so much about today, and if we can get that support and if we can get that backing, it won't be necessary for him to go anyplace.

Question: Do you feel that (broken)
Do you feel secure in Attorney General Mitchells investigation of Jacksonville incident?

Answer: No, I do not feel secure with just the Attorney Generals investigation. I feel that one of the demands which we will make on Saturday is the course that we must take and that is that. We have a team of black elected officials to move into Jackson and Augusta and many other places where black people have been slain and conduct an investigation.

Question: Could you suggest some names?

Answer: Well, there are many individuals who are most outstanding in this field and I'm sure have the confidence of the people. I would say I think that the mayor of the city of Gary, Indiana, Dick Hatcher, is certainly a wonderful person. Congressman Cummings" is that type of individual who would bring back an impartial report and there are many others too numerous to mention, but I think that we must have an investigation by black people.

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Question: How do you feel the killing of the blacks affected the racial situation or America, interogation?

Answer: Well,I think it only points up that we live in a violent nation, it mearly institutionalizes the violence that all of us have been forced to live under, black and poor people now for centuries in this country.

Question: Do you think the policy called Southern Strategy is a success for the Nixon Administration?

Answer: Well, I think that it has been most successful in its attempt to turn back the clock of history. It will not be successful, because we have got to match the militaristic policy and the southern strategy with soul power and with ballot power and this is what the SCLC will be dedicating its programs to within the comming months.

Question: You mentioned a march and demonstration on May 23, Would you repeat it please?

Answer: Yes, there will be a march against repression on Saturday, May 23, in Atlanta, Georgia, We're to gather at 10:30 at the tomb of Martin Luther King, Jr., and move to the state capitol where we will make our demands to Governor Maddox and speak to the whole state of Georgia and our nation about the repression that is being practiced against black people and the murdering of the four individuals some time ago at South Carolina State University, as well as the six in Augusta, Georgia, who were shot in the back and the two students at Jackson State College. We will speak on many other issues that face us as poor people and black in this country. We must put an end to this repression and we feel that it is really taking hold in the South and that it is in the South its in Atlanta where we have to go to put an end to this Lester Maddox theory of shoot and kill and that's why we plan this rally, this march, and demonstration and

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it may be a march that will stretch even across the state of Georgia, the days leading up to this coming Saturday and people will be coming from all over the nation to participate with us.

Question: Are you concerned that Lester Maddox may call the National Guard out to meet your march?

Answer: Well, this does not concern us at all, the National Guard are already out. The National Guard is in Augusta. I was there yesterday and the National Guard is there. This does not concern us at all.

Question: There's a new mood of repression in the country. Who do you think is to blame for it?

Answer: Well, certainly you have to blame the Nixon Administration for the repression that we have in the country. Now not only do we have repression, but we have recession and we have inflation, unemployment is at a level that it has not been in, been at,within the last five or six years. I understand that the stock market, not that I have any stock, is terribly low and I think that all of this as well as the war and the violence and everything that is taking place in an ill fashion in our nation is to be placed at the doorstep of the administration that is presently in charge and the only way we're going to get out of this is really to put an end to the war bring all the American troops home now and stop this wasteful spending on outer space and our attempt to get to the moon and to mars and stop passing out rocks from the moon and start passing out bread and feed hungry people.

Question: Can you tell me what this 10 most wanted program is?

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Answer: Yes, I will announce that on Saturday, it is to deal with the political issues in our country that old stale politicians many of whom are chairmen of important committees within our congress and they are blocking progressive legislation and they are really unwanted. We say 10 most wanted to borrow a word of another group in our country that has been most effective in its efforts, but they are really the 10 most unwanted politicians in the country and we will reveal and list them and work for them defeat so we can replace the bullet strategy with the ballot strategy.

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TO SAC ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-438794)

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COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), RACIAL MATTERS; IS - C.

ON MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, RALPH ABERNATHY SPOKE TO BLACK MINISTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, CALLED FOR UNIFICATION OF BLACK CHURCHMEN IN UNITED STATES AND REEXAMINATION OF NONVIOLENT ATTITUDE. HE CALLED FOR A MORE POSITIVE POSITION SAYING NONVIOLENT STRUGGLE DYING OUT, CITING RECENT SHOOTINGS IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SHIFT IN SCLC POSITION, BUREAU DESIRES INCREASED COVERAGE SCLC ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ABERNATHY SPEECHES. WHEN PUBLIC, ABERNATHY SPEECHES SHOULD BE COVERED. WHERE FULL SECURITY ASSURED TAPE-RECORD PER BUREAU LETTER MAY TWENTY-TWO ONE NINE SIX NINE CAPTIONED "USE OF CONCEALED

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TELETYPE TO SAC ATLANTA
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RECORDING DEVICES IN COVERING PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY BLACK AND NEW LEFT EXTREMISTS." INCREASE SOURCE COVERAGE [redacted] INCLUDING COMMUNIST INFLUENCE THEREIN.

WHEN ABERNATHY SPEAKS OUTSIDE YOUR TERRITORY, RELAY ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICE COVERING. SUTEL ALL RESULTS.

NOTE:

Because of possible shift of SCLC from nonviolent posture and the interest of the Vice President in the activities of Abernathy as expressed to the Director on 5/18/70, coverage of Abernathy and the SCLC should be increased.

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10:45 AM IMMEDIATE 5/19/70

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706

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FROM ATLANTA 157-257

7-20-92 [redacted]

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

RE PHILADELPHIA AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, CAPTIONED "COMINFIL OF SCLC, RM; IS - C".

REFERENCED AIRTEL REFLECTS THAT ON MAY TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY, ABERNATHY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE A PEACE AWARD AT THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA. AWARD FROM THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL OF A CITIZENS ORGANIZATION FOR A SANE WORLD TO BE PRESENTED BY CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM GREEN OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, BUREAU ON MAY EIGHTEEN, SEVENTY, INSTRUCTED THAT ALL PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF ABERNATHY BE RECORDED AND BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF HIS COMMENTS BY TELEPHONE AND FOLLOWED BY TELETYPE.

PHILADELPHIA TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION RE ABERNATHY'S APPEARANCE MAY TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY.

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TO SACS ATLANTA
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (~~100-438794~~)

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COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

REATTEL MAY NINETEEN INSTANT CAPTIONED "RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RM"; BUTEL TO ATLANTA MAY NINETEEN INSTANT, INSTANT CAPTION, NO COPY TO PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA COVER PUBLIC MEETING WHERE ABERNATHY SPEAKS. WHERE FULL SECURITY ASSURED, TAPE SPEECH IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS BULET MAY TWENTY-TWO, ONE NINE SIX NINE, CAPTIONED "USE OF CONCEALED RECORDING DEVICES IN COVERING PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF BLACK AND NEW LEFT EXTREMISTS." REVIEW TAPE IMMEDIATELY AND SUTEL RESULTS INCLUDING EXACT QUOTES OF UNUSUAL NATURE OR PERTAINING TO VIOLENCE. IF TAPE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, SUTEL SUMMARY OF SPEECH FOLLOWED SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH TEL INCLUDING QUOTES.

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TELETYPE TO SACS ATLANTA,
COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
100-438794

ATLANTA AMEND INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES COVERING ABERNATHY SPEECHES TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS THIS TEL.

NOTE: On 5/18/70 the Vice President personally spoke with the Director and requested information on Abernathy's activities. Recent speeches by Abernathy indicate a possible shift of SCLC from nonviolent posture., Bulet May 22, 1969, instructed that public speeches be recorded if full security assured and prior Bureau authority obtained.

Abernathy to receive peace award in Philadelphia 5/26/70 from Citizens Organization for a Sane World, a peace organization. Congressman William V. Green (Democrat - Pennsylvania) to make presentation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: May 19, 1970

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [redacted] b7c

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 7-20-92 BY: [redacted]

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Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a speech by Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, on 5/18/70 in New York City was covered by the New York Office. Essential information regarding the speech is included in the attached letter to the Vice President who requested to be advised regarding Abernathy's activities. b7c [redacted]

In connection with the coverage of the speech, it is noted that the field offices involved, Atlanta and New York, both did excellent work in learning of the location of the address on short notice. New York's work was especially noteworthy in securing a source who was able to cover the meeting. Atlanta was able to ascertain discreetly that Abernathy was not in Atlanta but was in New York City to speak before a meeting of Baptist ministers. The location of the meeting could not be obtained in Atlanta on such short notice. Although there was no public advertising of the meeting, New York found most promptly through its investigation that Abernathy was speaking before a group of black Baptist ministers at 3 PM. New York was able to secure a source who could blend into this type meeting and equipped him with a recording device to tape the address.

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Abernathy, in a highly emotional speech, called for the unification of black churchmen in the U.S. and for a re-examination of their nonviolent attitude. He implored them to take a more positive position in the racial struggle and beseeched them not to identify themselves with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., as the nonviolent struggle in the U.S. was dying out. He cited the recent shootings in Augusta, Georgia, and Jackson, Mississippi, as reasons for believing that nonviolence is dying. He accused Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia of giving local police, state police, and the National Guard wholesale authority to slaughter black people.

ACTION: If you approve, attached letter to the Vice President will be sent. Tape of speech being reviewed by New York for any 100-442706 pertinent quotations which will be sent to Vice President.

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2:45 PM I M M E D I A T E 5/21/70 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706

NEW YORK

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY, FROM GEORGIA STATE PATROL, MACON, GEORGIA, THAT HOSEA WILLIAMS, VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE(SCLC), IN CHARGE OF SOUTH IN MACON PARTICIPATING IN SCLC ACTIVITY DURING LATE MORNING MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY TOLD CBS NEWS PERSONNEL THAT RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, ON MAY TWENTYONE, SEVENTY, WAS IN NEW YORK CITY. WILLIAMS DID NOT SPECIFY LOCATION OR ACTIVITY ON ABERNATHY'S PART. b7C [redacted]

NEW YORK REMAIN ALERT TO PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF ABERNATHY IN NEW YORK CITY IN VIEW OF FOLLOWING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH BUTEL TO ATLANTA MAY NINETEEN, SEVENTY CAPTIONED "COMINFIL - SCLC. RM; IS-C".

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"BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SHIFT IN SCLC POSITION, BUREAU DESIRES INCREASED COVERAGE SCLC ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY ABERNATHY SPEECHES. WHEN PUBLIC, ABERNATHY SPEECHES SHOULD BE COVERED. WHERE FULL SECURITY ASSURED, TAPE-RECORD PER BUREAU LETTER MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYNINE CAPTIONED 'USE OF CONCEALED RECORDING DEVICES IN COVERING PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY BLACK AND NEW LEFT EXTREMISTS".

SUTEL ALL RESULTS.

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cc Mr. Moore

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TO DIRECTOR

ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-1748

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY; RM [redacted]

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A COMPLETE EXAMINATION OF THE TALK OF RALPH ABERNATHY REVEALED NO SPECIFIC QUOTATIONS OF A VIOLENT NATURE. A REVIEW OF THE TRANSCRIPT FINDS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTERPRETATION AS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE INFORMANT.

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RENYTEL TO BUREAU FIVE EIGHTEEN SEVENTY.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/18/70

FROM : G. C. Moore

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

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Pursuant to the request made by the Director today (5/18/70), there is attached information for the Vice President regarding militant statements by Ralph David Abernathy, the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which statements invite violence.

Information is also included to the Vice President regarding an incident involving immoral sexual activities with a member of his church, aged 15.

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On 5/18/70, Abernathy announced a march against violence, brutality, and killing at Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, 5/23/70. At this march, the names of the Nation's "Ten Most Unwanted Politicians" will be revealed.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached letter will be sent to the Vice President.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [redacted]

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OK. This has been prepared in my excellent manner!

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TO DIRECTOR (100-442706)

[redacted] ATLANTA (157-257)

FROM PHILADELPHIA

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FIVE NINETEEN CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, AND PHILADELPHIA AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY THIRTEEN, SEVENTY, CAPTIONED "COMINFIL OF SCLC, RM; IS - C".

REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY DID NOT APPEAR AT SANE DINNER PHILADELPHIA FIVE TWENTYSIX, SEVENTY, DUE TO ALLEGED ILLNESS.

ADMINISTRATIVE: NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAVANNAH (157-NEW)

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY; RM.

[redacted] REPORTED AT NINE THIRTY PM TODAY THAT REV. ABERNATHY'S VISIT TO AUGUSTA, GA. TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SAVANNAH TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

[redacted] IS PRETEXT CALL TO RADIO STATION WRDW, AUGUSTA, GA.

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830PM NITEL 5/28/70

TO DIRECTOR

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FROM SAVANNAH (157-NEW)

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY; RM.

[redacted] A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT DR. RALPH ABERNATHY, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT FIRST MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH, AUGUSTA, GA. AT SEVEN THIRTY - EIGHT PM MAY TWENTYNINE SEVENTY, PRESUMABLY ON THE RACIAL SITUATION AT AUGUSTA, BUT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED TOPIC. [redacted] DO NOT EXPECT TALK TO BE INFLAMATORY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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RE BUTEL TO ATLANTA FIVE NINETEEN SEVENTY, ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU FIVE NINETEEN SEVENTY AND SAVANNAH TELCALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

SAVANNAH HAS ARRANGED TO HAVE SPEECH TAPED [redacted] 1970 [redacted] AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY OF CONTENTS OF SPEECH. WILL ALSO TRANSCRIBE CONTENTS OF SPEECH FROM TAPE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MIG, FT. GORDON, GA. ADVISED.

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ATLANTA SHOULD ADVISE OF ANY INFO KNOWN RE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OR PLANS OF ABERNATHY IN THIS REGARD.

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REM FBI WASH DC CLR

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CC [redacted] ROOM 836 9&D

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The Attorney General [redacted] July 21, 1970

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Director, FBI

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [redacted]

I thought you might be interested in the information contained in the attached memorandum.

[redacted]

This information is also being furnished to the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House and the Vice President.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

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The Attorney General

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

I thought the President might be interested in the information contained in the attached memorandum.

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This information is also being furnished to the Vice President and the Attorney General.

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Sincerely yours

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - [redacted]

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY b7C

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Attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department, Internal Security Division, Secret Service, and Internal Revenue Service.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
July 13, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
The Vice President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Attached for your information are two copies of a memorandum [redacted]
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This information is also being furnished to the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman and the Attorney General.

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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Spiro T. Agnew

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The Director instructed the information be furnished to the Honorable John D. Ehrlichman at the White House. Because of the nature of the information, it is also being furnished to the Vice President and to the Attorney General.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia
July 15, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title RALPH D. ABERNATHY

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO SAC ATLANTA (157-257)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-442706)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTERS

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE AUGUST FIVE INSTANT.

ADVISE ATLANTA PD OF THREAT TO ABERNATHY IN ORDER THAT PD CAN ADVISE ABERNATHY OR HIS OFFICE.

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NOTE:

Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, may visit Chicago 8/8/70. Chicago Police Department received anonymous phone call from man with a southern accent who said, "Royal welcome will be for Abernathy, just like we had for Doctor King." Upon receiving information of threats against King and Abernathy we have been advised the Atlanta Police Department who in turn advises the person threatened or someone on his staff.

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12:53PM URGENT 8-5-70

TO DIRECTOR (100-442706)

ATLANTA (157-257)

FROM CHICAGO (157-2940) 2P

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY. RM. MURKIN. OO: ATLANTA.

[redacted] ADVISED FOLLOWING INSTANT:

AT ONE FIFTY FIVE A.M. INSTANT CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT (CGPD) RECEIVED ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL. CALLER, BELIEVED TO BE MALE, WHO HAD SOUTHERN ACCENT STATED FOLLOWING AND HUNG UP:

"ROYAL WELCOME WILL BE FOR REVEREND ABERNATHY, JUST LIKE WE HAD FOR DR. KING."

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SOURCE ADVISED CGPD DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOR ANY SUSPECTS.

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SOURCE IS [redacted] (PROTECT REQUEST). CHICAGO HAS ALERTED SOURCES AND IS MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH CGPD ØN VIEW OF ABERNATHY'S CONTEMPLATED VISIT TO CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-2940)(C)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM
OO: ATLANTA

Re Chicago teletype dated 8/5/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the USA, Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

Although Chicago is closing this case, liaison is being maintained with Chicago PD and appropriate Bureau sources in an effort to be cognizant of any future developments concerning ABERNATHY, Negro youth gangs and Negro youth gang violence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
August 10, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-2940

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On August 5, 1970, [redacted] advised the following:

At approximately 1:55 AM, August 5, 1970, a telephone operator at the Chicago Police Department (CGPD), Chicago, Illinois, received an anonymous call. The caller, believed to be a male individual, had a Southern accent and stated the following and hung up:

"Royal welcome will be for Reverend Abernathy just like we had for Doctor King."

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Source advised CGPD does not have any additional information nor have any suspects been developed.

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

On August 10, 1970, source advised Reverend Abernathy did not come to Chicago, Illinois, as anticipated. Source stated several of his assistants arrived in Chicago on August 7, 1970, and met with leaders of the black community concerning current problems. Source advised all representatives from SCLC, who arrived in Chicago on August 7, 1970, departed Chicago on August 10, 1970. Source stated there were no acts of violence in connection with visit of SCLC leaders to Chicago.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois; United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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TO DIRECTOR

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWELVE SEVENTY CAPTIONED "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SCLC. RM; IS-C".

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please note the attached newspaper clipping reporting a speech made by one Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy in Atlanta, Georgia.

Speeches such as this concern me very much, and it seems to my lay mind that such utterances must come under the head of treason. When anyone, white or black, makes the statement that his group will probably have to take and liberate the Justice Department of the United States, then I think that it is time for a halt of such language and intent.

Further, it is unthinkable to clear minded people that anyone should make the public statement that the president of the nation is making "murderers" of the youth of our country.

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Mr. Hoover, can you please tell me why this man is not prosecuted!

Yours sincerely,

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To Protest

Abernathy Plans New Poor March On Washington

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Civil rights leader Ralph David Abernathy called on the nation's poor Wednesday to prepare for a new march on Washington to bring the Pentagon to a halt and "tie up the whole Washington scene, if necessary."

Abernathy also told delegates to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference convention here to be prepared to use new tactics of civil disobedience to protest poverty, the war in Southeast Asia and inequality.

He called for the march to take place late this year or early 1971 and termed it a continuation of the 1968 Poor Peoples' Campaign. But he said there would be no "Resurrection City," the tent city erected in Washington in the 1968 campaign.

Abernathy said the march is a duty of poor people because of "a repressive, antiblack, antipoor, antipeace, antiyouth national government."

He said, "The Pentagon must come to a grinding halt. We may be forced to liberate and occupy the Justice Department and Congress. This Fascist domination has got to go."

Abernathy, successor to the SCLC's founder, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said there will be many arrests "should it become necessary to tie up the whole Washington scene," but said his "new nonviolence" is the only way the poor can call the nation's attention to their problems.

"We will engage in sit-ins not with just dozens, but with hundreds," Abernathy told newsmen.

He accused the Nixon administration of alienating blacks and minority groups, inflating the economy and inciting "military troops to gun us down in the streets.

"It is he (Nixon) that has made murderers of our sons in Southeast Asia," he declared.

He said the challenge before the SCLC is to seek what he called a representative government that will not expand a war when the people want it ended, that rejects public brutality, that will provide bread for the hungry and that will renounce "and put a stop to the practice of genocide."

Abernathy also declared the SCLC must be opposed totally to the Vietnam war and must polarize black and poor communities to refuse to fight.

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b7C August 25, 1970

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your communication of August 18th and can understand the concern which prompted you to write.

With respect to your comments, the FBI conducts a considerable amount of investigation regarding the activities of those individuals and organizations seeking to undermine our basic freedoms and the internal security of our country. We furnish the results of our inquiries to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted in these matters.

I am enclosing material which you may not have had an opportunity to read relative to some organizations which are involved in fomenting unrest in our Nation.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Forward to Chaos--Or the New Left in Action
A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969
Director's testimony, 3-5-70, re Black Panthers, racial, extremist and communist groups

NOTE: On basis of available data, correspondent is not identifiable in our files. b7C

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August 15th, 1970.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am certainly gratified and pleased, in reading the current Time Magazine, to note that you debunked the "myth" of the late rabble-rouser and trouble maker Martin Luther King. I hope you will be able to make it "three in a row" soon, by debunking two other kooks, namely "Doctor" Benjamin SPOCK, and Margaret Meads.....who are in the same category as " Rev." King, and whose loyalty to the cause of Communism, I am sure, goes away back over the years.

Mr. Hoover, I would like to suggest a little police strategy, to be taught to policemen selected to attend the FBI Academy. This strategy worked for me many many times over the years I served as an industrial security officer, and in times like we have today, it will work again and again, to the detriment of the habitual criminal. My suggestion is as follows: When a bank robbery or a hold-up has been committed, and TWO or more suspects were involved,.....the Police Department handling such a case, when releasing a report of the robbery to the press, should state that the amount of money stolen was considerably MORE than the actual amount stolen. Here is the psychology behind this. In the criminal element, there are TWO "unpardonable sins,".....informing or testifying against a fellow criminal, AND ..... "HOLDING OUT " more than the fair "divvy" of the loot. Criminals will fight among themselves and kill each other if they feel one of their accomplices "hold out" on the loot. Criminals read the newspaper accounts of their crimes avidly, and such a procedure would put in motion the fighting among themselves that could lead to informing on the other or of killing the suspected hold-out man. And in times like these, if these characters kill themselves off I am sure it is no harm to the public at large. Give it some thought. I guarantee it will be most effective.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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A new march on Washington?

Three months ago when he was making plans for a civil rights march through the Georgia countryside, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, applied to the government for police protection against unlawful disruption by outsiders.

Today, Abernathy is making plans for a march on Washington. He threatens the use of tactics of civil disobedience to bring the Pentagon to a halt and "tie up the whole Washington scene, if necessary."

The good Reverend should make up his mind whether he does or does not believe in law and order. He should also reflect on whether tactics such as those he now proposes haven't lost their effectiveness under the law of diminishing returns.

Americans have gotten their fill of strong-arm, obstructionist methods used in the name of social justice. They are less and less inclined to accept the argument that unlawful means may be used massively to combat unlawfulness. Their resentment has long since been communicated to their representatives and senators in Congress who in turn are more hesitant than in previous times to respond to the pressure of mass obstruction and disobedience.

Some civil rights leaders, observing this development in public and legislative opinion, have wisely pulled away from violent means and disassociated themselves and their organizations from the extremists. But Abernathy seems more and more inclined to ingratiate himself with the implacable militants, who, he apparently fears, may be stealing his thunder. He encourages young people to refuse military service, preaches hostility to constituted authority and plans for the disruption of the center of national government.

All this can only do harm rather than good to the causes he professes to represent. The members of SCLC ought to begin asking whether he has most at heart the interests of his followers or his own ambitions of power and leadership.

Detroit News, Aug. 5

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1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Ehrlichman:

Enclosed is a memorandum containing information I thought might be of interest to the President and you as it concerns a speech made by Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, at the Congress of African Peoples, September 3, 1970, Atlanta, Georgia.

The enclosed information is being furnished separately to the Vice President and to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable John D. Ehrlichman

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. C. D. Brennan dated 9/4/70, captioned "Congress of African Peoples, Atlanta, Georgia, September, 1970, Racial Matters," prepared by [redacted] 67C

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CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 1970

On September 3, 1970, confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the opening session of the Congress of African Peoples took place at the Morris Brown College Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. This opening session was highlighted by various speakers who outlined the purposes of the Congress as follows: development of black self-determination; development of ability among blacks to provide for themselves; development of blacks' self-respect; and development of black dependence on each other and self defense for each other.

The various speeches were interspersed by performances of different entertainers.

An unscheduled speaker at this session was Dr. Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Dr. Abernathy compared the events taking place at the Congress for African Peoples with the circumstances existing at the end of the Civil War when the North dictated to the South the peace terms. Dr. Abernathy stated: "The black man in America and in the world is saying to the white establishment it's all over."

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Dr. Abernathy's speech was described by one source as an endorsement of a much more militant stand than that taken previously by Dr. Abernathy or by the deceased Martin Luther King, Jr., the former head of the SCLC.

Another source stated Dr. Abernathy's talk did not follow the doctrine of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., at all but was an endorsement of militancy.

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CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
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NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to C. D. Brennan dated 9/4/70, captioned as above [redacted] b7C

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-192) (C)

SUBJECT: SPEECH BY SCLC PRESIDENT
RALPH DAVID-ABERNATHY;
MUNICIPAL THEATER,
MOBILE, ALABAMA,
9/6/70
RM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Atlanta 4 copies of LHM setting forth information concerning the speech made by ABERNATHY at Mobile.

This memo is being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies.

The informants used in this LHM are as follows: CAU

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Mobile, Alabama
September 23, 1970

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SPEECH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE PRESIDENT RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, MUNICIPAL THEATER, MOBILE, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1970

On September 4, 1970, Source Number 1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Atlanta, Georgia, would speak in Mobile on the night of September 6, 1970, at the Municipal Theater. Source said that the speech was being sponsored by the Neighborhood Organized Workers (NOW), a predominantly black civil rights group at Mobile which has been affiliated with SCLC.

The September 7, 1970, issue of the Mobile Register, a daily morning newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy spoke the previous night at the Mobile Municipal Theater to about 800 persons at a freedom rally sponsored by NOW. According to this article, Abernathy said that black people united in a new non-violence aimed toward a goal of total integration is the remedy for the ills that are plaguing a sick America today. He said that he was here "to serve notice on white racist America that it will never again be like it has been, brother. You may as well get with it."

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Abernathy referred to a recent murder indictment against Noble Beasley, President of NOW, who was charged with murder in connection with the death of a former NOW lieutenant. Abernathy noted that in Mobile there is not a single black elected official even though blacks make up 40 percent of the city's population. He criticized members of his own race saying that he is tired of those black people who learn a few big words and go down to the Chamber of Commerce and have tea and cookies with the white people. He emphasized that he is not a separatist but believes in total integration. He said that he does not want a system that will close local Negro high schools and allow white high schools to continue to exist. He wants a system that

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will allow black people to control their own destiny, schools and lives. Abernathy said that he knows the history of Mobile and its black leaders and said, "The going is going to get rougher before it gets better." He referred to the fact that he has been in jail 30 times and doesn't care if the 31st time is in Mobile. He closed by saying, "A new day is on the horizon" and "We are here to stand with you, President Beasley."

Sources 1 and 2, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in his speech in Mobile, Reverend Abernathy spoke of Alabama being behind the times and, along with the rest of the nation, was dying from the cancerous disease of racism. He said he wants integration where black people would control their own destiny and was very complimentary of the local leadership of NOW as found in Noble Beasley. He emphasized that blacks must stand together as they can't afford the luxury of division.

These sources advised that they did not consider Abernathy's speech to be inflammatory and did not expect any violent activity to result therefrom.

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[redacted] Mobile Police Department, advised on September 7, 1970, that Reverend Abernathy arrived at Mobile Municipal Airport at 5:35 PM on September 6, 1970, on Southern Airways Flight 71 from Atlanta and was accompanied by a Negro male, J. T. Johnson, of Atlanta, Georgia. He was met by Noble Beasley and other officials of NOW, among whom were James Finley, Ocie Wheat and William A. Evans. The Abernathy party was furnished a police escort from the airport to the Ramada Inn where he checked in to Suite B at 5:50 PM. At 7:30 PM, Reverend Abernathy and party were escorted to the Stone Street Baptist Church on Cleveland Street where Abernathy took part in a communion service. At 8:00 PM, the party was escorted to the Mobile Municipal Theater where Abernathy spoke to a crowd estimated at 900. The Abernathy party left the Municipal Theater about 11:00 PM returning to the Ramada Inn. Abernathy was to leave Mobile by Eastern Flight 392 at 12:15 PM, September 7, 1970.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, RACIAL MATTERS.

ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DEPARTED U. S. AT LOS ANGELES FOR JAPAN VIA AIR. AIRLINE AND EXACT DESTINATION IN JAPAN NOT KNOWN. [redacted] b7C

b7D [redacted] TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO AIDES, HOSEA L. WILLIAMS AND WYATT T. WALKER.

BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THIS GROUP, PARTICULARLY STATEMENTS BY THEM. FURNISH ANY INFORMATION IN LHM. [redacted]

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RE: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

NOTE:

Abernathy and his organization have been more militant recently and we are particularly interested in any statements against the United States that he might make in Japan.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10/16/70

Attached reports that Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) departed the United States for Japan on 10/15/70. Abernathy accompanied by Hosea L. Williams, Vice-President in charge of SCLC activities in the South and another individual formerly affiliated with SCLC in New York.

Abernathy and Williams allegedly will attend an international religious conference in Japan. [redacted] Legat, Tokyo, is also being alerted to this travel in the event he develops information of pertinence.

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ON OCT. FIFTEEN, SEVENTY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT [redacted] b7C ON OCT. FIFTEEN, SEVENTY RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) DEPARTED THE UNITED STATES AT LOS ANGLES, CALIFORNIA, VIA AIR, ENROUTE TO JAPAN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257) (P)

RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RM

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Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is [redacted]

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Atlanta, Georgia
November 4, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title	RALPH D. ABERNATHY
Character	RACIAL MATTER
Reference	Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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A confidential source advised on October 15, 1970, he understood that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), departed the United States that date at Los Angeles, California, via air en route to Japan [redacted]

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The October 20, 1970, evening edition of The Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta, Georgia, newspaper, on Page 18A published an article datelined Kyoto, Japan, entitled "Abernathy Urges Nonviolent Revolt in Japan."

This article reflected Abernathy was currently attending "the World Conference on Religion and Peace." Abernathy, during an interview by United Press International

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on October 20, 1970, stated racism is the biggest problem facing the United States and the world. He was quoted as saying "Racism is our biggest problem, but the war, the Vietnam war, has also got to be stopped immediately."

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TO DIRECTOR (100-442706)

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FROM HOUSTON (157-1490)

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY, RM.

RE ATLANTA TEL ELEVEN FIVE LAST.

ON ELEVEN SIX INSTANT [redacted] HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (HOPD) ADVISED RALPH D. ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE INDEPENDENT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, TODAY. [redacted] ADVISED ABERNATHY INDICATED HE MIGHT POSSIBLY STAY OVERNIGHT IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD RESIDE AT THE RAMADA INN IN HOUSTON, HOWEVER, HIS PLANS ARE NOT SURE AND HE MAY DEPART HOUSTON AFTER ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION. [redacted] ADVISED NO VIOLENCE IS ANTICIPATED IN CONNECTION WITH ABERNATHY'S VISIT [redacted] WILL BE FOLLOWING THE MATTER CLOSELY.

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9:50PM NITEL 11-5-70 [redacted]

TO DIRECTOR 100-442706

HOUSTON

FROM ATLANTA 157-257

RALPH D. ABERNATHY. RM.

ON NOVEMBER FIVE, SEVENTY, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED [redacted] RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISITAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, PLANS TO DEPART ATLANTA, GEORGIA, VIA AIR ON MORNING OF NOVEMBER SIX, SEVENTY, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. ABERNATHY WILL RETURN TO ATLANTA NOVEMBER SEVEN, SEVENTY. PURPOSE OF ABERNATHY'S TRAVEL NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Is this unsavorycharacter going to be allowed to stir up trouble in the streets of America with his communist crew?

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After serving time in prison for molesting girl children right in his own congregation and being communist from head to toe, he deserves severe correction until he for gets this revolution business.

We have put up with this riff raff too long. It is time for a tough crack down.

Sincerely

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NEWS OF THE STATE

UOfF Students Hear Rev. Abernathy Plea

GAINESVILLE, (UPI) — The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, urged University of Florida students last night to help carry out a non-violent revolution in America.

"The most desirable revolution, both morally and practically, is the non-violent revolution," the Rev. Abernathy told an audience of 1,300 students on the university campus. He was appearing as part of the "Accent '71" program.

Abernathy criticized President Nixon's attitude toward the race question.

"The President of the United States is traveling around the world passing out moon rocks to heads of state when he ought to be traveling through Alabama, Florida and Georgia passing out loaves of bread for hungry Black children," the Rev. Abernathy said.

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SUBJECT: RALPH ABERNATHY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (~~157-7988~~) DATE: 10/28/70

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FROM : Legal Attache, Tokyo (157-81) (P)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
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Attn: FBI Laboratory

Re BUcab 10/16/70.

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Request the enclosed Japanese language material, which is described below, be translated [X] verbatim [ ] in summary and the translation distributed as indicated.

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Remarks:

ABERNATHY and WYATT T. WALKER arrived Japan 10/15/70 in tourist status from Los Angeles aboard PAA flight 845. They gave as their destination Royal Hotel, Kyoto, Japan. ABERNATHY gave a speech at the World Conference on Religion and Peace, held at Kyoto 10/16-22/70, text of which is enclosed for translation.

Please expedite translation.

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Director, FBI (157-4988)

RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
RM

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 10/28/70.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE
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From time immemorial wars have brought cruelties and miseries on mankind. The present war is so highly modernized and mechanized that the sufferings of women, children and innocent people are beyond description; human sufferings are the results of the development of science. The future war may take the form of forced horrible suicide of mankind.

Racial discrimination engenders fear and hate and forces people to fight each other. Billions of affluent white people of today are afraid of poor people. The world's poor colored people are indignant at the white people's apathetic, arrogant and selfish attitude toward colored people.

Only religion can unite disintegration and heal the corrupted human society. Only religion can expel the demons of racial discrimination from our society and human hearts and bring about brotherly love to our society. We cannot remain silent.

The world's affluent people, turning their backs on the poor people's sufferings, are desperate to hang on to their materialistic wealth. The sufferings of the poor people can be relieved only by distribution of wealth.

The principal reward from the materialistic losses incurred by a handful of wealthy people, who sacrificed a bit in order to help the poor people, will be the love of the poor people.

Our urgent task of today is to teach people that our anti-war effort is a part of the united struggle against poverty and racial discrimination.

The pressing questions facing us today are: What are the religious leaders, who gathered here from all over the world, going to do with the problems of racial discrimination and human poverty? How can we cultivate brotherly love effectively? How can we make

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peace? How can we fight against poverty? How can we dispel the devilish racial discrimination from our hearts, and social and cultural life.

Our task is very important. Our goals cannot be achieved with one single effort or resolution. However, the cold reality is that we have to do something right now. In order to accomplish our goals, we must make up our minds to face hardship, toil and sacrifice.

The first step toward our goals, I am sure, is to declare to the world--whole world that we have a "hope"; we will be able to overcome racial discrimination, poverty and war; our future is bright and hopeful.

It is true that despair and hopelessness are the main obstacles to the reformation of economic and political systems. Hopelessness crushes creative power. Distrust diminishes brotherly love.

The real role of religion is to expel obstacles, let the coward people speak loud, give new hopes to weakening hearts and implant fresh ideals on confused and tired brains.

The religion has a power to liberate people from antiquated prejudice. We, who gather here, realized the fact that the God's love, that is the basic source of religion, can overcome any obstacle and unite people. We saw at this meeting a hope in our hearts and love that will nourish our hungry souls.

Brothers and sisters.!! As I told you before, let us try to realize brotherly love and righteousness, which have been the dream from very early ages, by exerting our powers of souls.

We should talk with courage. Nevertheless, we should take great and bold actions. I respectfully propose the following steps to be taken to promote world peace by us who represent the major religions.

(1)

We should attend the United Nations meetings and make an appeal, under the watchful eyes of the world, to the world political

leaders for sincere international cooperation for the realization of peace with justice. The peace without justice is not real peace; the justice sweep off war, poverty, and racial discrimination.

(2)

We should oppose and protest mass killings and racial discrimination with legal means; when I say mass killings, it means not only the mass killing of colored people but also, as stipulated in the United Nations chapter, the systematic extinction of whole or part of one race and the subtle exploitation and supression of the hungry people by the people who have a sense of their own superiority to other people.

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We should advise to the world's colored people not to take part in racial wars; at the same time we should strongly suggest to world's whitepeople to forsake the sense ofsuperiority; it is irreverent and absurd that white people are superior because their skins happen to be white.

(4)

We should appeal to world's major religious leaders for international solidarity. We should warn world's political and military leaders that religious teachers and good-natured people cannot remain silent any more against destruction, oppression and racial discrimination.

(5) We should encourage various religious leaders to contribute their financial resources, take more positive actions in speeches and deeds and make up their minds to sacrifice themselves in order to continue our religious life and to fight against racial discrimination, poverty and war.

(6)

We should induce the people and leaders of the world that we are entitled to share not only the spiritual wealth of religion but also the materialistic wealth.

I should like to emphasize one point that if all governments of the world should abandon their duties to bring about peace with justice, it would be religious peoples sacred obligations to try to bring about peace with justice.

The point I am driving at today is to start a world revolution without violence. The revolutionary actions have no national boundaries. Our revolutionary action shall unite all good-natured people and religious people. Our revolutionary goals are to renounce war, sweep off poverty and repeal racial discrimination. Our revolution is aimed at letting the people to live as great religious creeds teach us how to live peacefully with brotherly love.

I appeal to you today for launching a new peace movement under the banner of non-violent revolution which will unite us with the poor and exploited people. Let us start poor people's movements in all countries.

As two resurrection cities were built recently in Chile, let us build resurrection cities where the poor people can secure their lands and create communized equal societies.

Let us expand our non-violent protests and struggles which were initiated by Gandhi of India, Martin Luther King, Jr. of the United States and Don Herode Camara (?) of Brazil.

Let us spread our civil right movements, human right movements and peace movements into all continents -- all nations.

The comparatively little difference of our religious doctrines are insignificant. We, as the religious leaders, should work hand in hand for the cause of revolution.

Even if we cannot agree unanimously, we will be able to work in harmony; we, without split, are big enough to accept a variety of opinions. In the long run, we will be able to build a world society where there are no racial hates, suffering of oppression and poverty and war madness.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI ~~(157-7988)~~ 100-442706 DATE: 12/9/70

FROM [redacted] Legat, Tokyo (157-81) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
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ReBulet 11/27/70.

On December 4, 1970 [redacted] had nothing further to report relative to the ABERNATHY visit to Japan. b7C b7D

No further inquiry is being made at Tokyo.

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Report of Special Agent (SA) [redacted] dated 5/24/68 at Atlanta.

b7C Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/10/69 at Atlanta.

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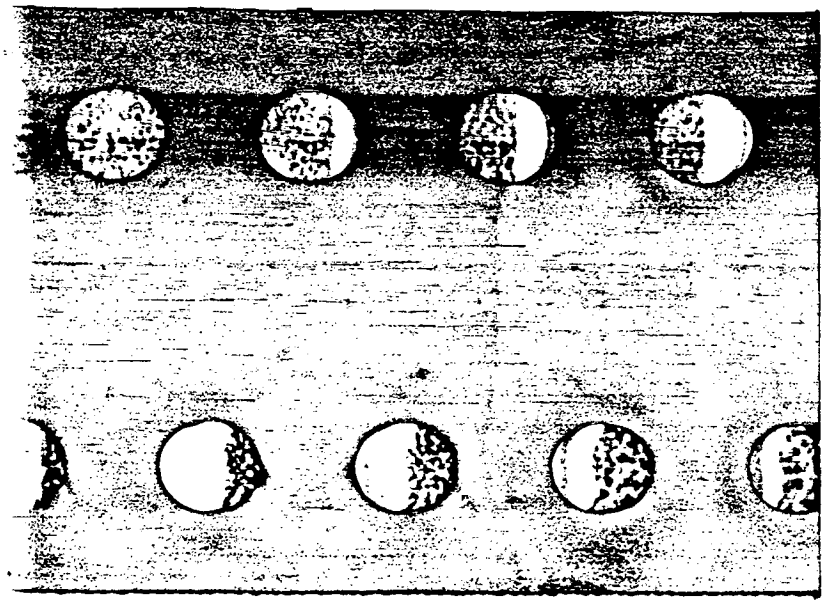

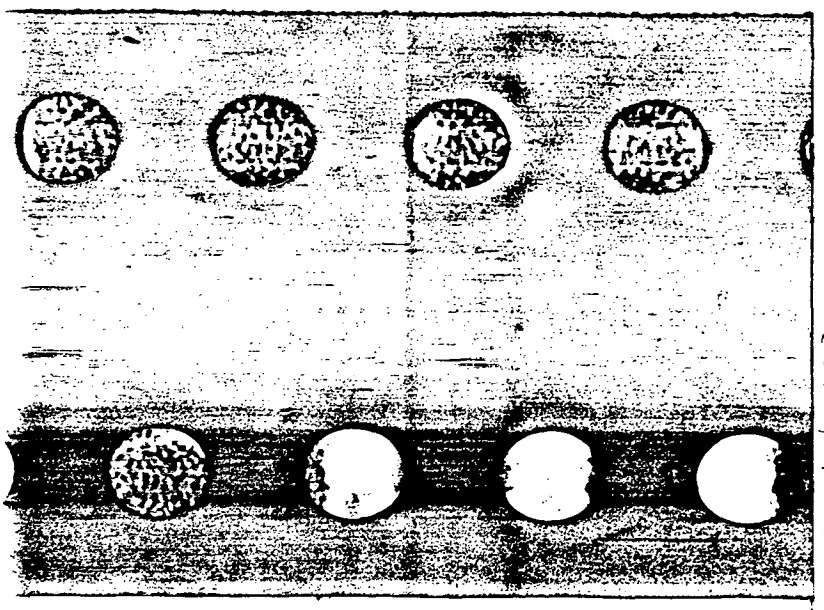

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY
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Main File No: 100-442706 Date: 12-8-70
See also: 9-48337, 9-48911, 9-44386

Subject: Ralph David Abernathy Date Searched: 6/13/69

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All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

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David Abernathy
R. Abernathy
R. D. Abernathy
R.O. Abernathy
Ralph Abernathy
Ralph B. Abernathy
Ralph C. Abernathy
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Ralph O. Abernathy
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Ralph Abernethy
Ralph D. Abernethy

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This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Ralph David Abernathy can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

NMC.....National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam

PD.....Police Department

PPC.....Poor Peoples Campaign

RC.....Resurrection City

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Ga.

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67D [redacted] Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available three volumes that contained the names, addresses, identifying data and photographs of various individuals, including Ralph David Abernathy, who had been arrested or active during the demonstrations at Selma and Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

Volumes enclosed
157-7782-165 encl. p.53
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67D [redacted] advised that Ralph Abernathy, Vice Chairman of the SCLC and of the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMC) (62-111181), was scheduled to replace James Bevel as the principal speaker at a public rally on 4/8/67, Cobo Hall, Detroit. This rally was included in the schedule of events for "Vietnam Week-April 8 to 15, 1967", on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit, Michigan, for the purpose of raising funds to help subsidize transportation for the people from Detroit, who planned to participate in the mass anti Vietnam rally in NYC, on 4/15/67.

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This reference identified Bevel as a National Sponsor of the SMC.

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62-111181-405 encl. p.1
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SI 105-138315-6317 p.27,28
(8) (Rally held-Abernathy failed to appear.)

Ralph Abernathy was one of the dignitaries who attended the anti-Vietnam rally in NYC, on 4/15/67, which was sponsored by the Spring Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (62-111181). (Source not clear).

62-111181-818 encl. p.38
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This reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Louisville area as of 5/10/67 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy had been in Louisville, Ky. in connection with the passing of an open housing ordinance there. (No details set out.)

157-6-27-730 encl. p.35
(10)

On 8/6/67, in Atlanta, Bureau Agents observed Ralph Abernathy address a session of Hiroshima Day-a South Wide Weekend to End the War in Vietnam August 5 and 6, 1967 (100-447969), which was sponsored by the Atlanta Alliance for Peace (Not identified).

100-447969-1 encl. p.5
(8)
SI 176-63-19 p.3
(17)
SI 105-138315-6836 encl. p.3,4
(8)
SI 105-138315-6966 encl. p.3
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SI 105-138315-7006 encl. p.1
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The following references on Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, disclosed that during the approximate period March, 1967 through 10/20/67 served as a co-chairman of the NMC (62-111181).

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
62-111181-979 p.9	(2)
-1035 p.2 encl. p.2	(3)
-2201 p.3	(3)
-A "Evening Star", Washington.10/20/67	(3)
100-432867-6 encl. p.6	(4)
105-138315-6210 p.90	(8)

The 10/11/67 issue of the"Washington News" published an article entitled "The Oct. 21 March," by Ray Cromley, which pertained to the 10/21/67 March on the Pentagon*to protest the Vietnam war. Though advertised as an anti-Vietnam war demonstration, the leadership of the March, including Ralph Abernathy of the civil rights movement, was composed of men primarily with other axes to grind. The individuals had scheduled this take over of the Pentagon for a week-end which was prime time for TV newscasts and the big Sunday editions of the newspapers.

105-138315-A "Washington News" 10/11/67
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*Washington, DC

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out information pertaining to an arrest warrant issued 10/19/67, by the 10th Circuit Court of Alabama, for the arrest of Ralph Abernathy and other ministers to serve a five-day sentence for contempt of court, upon failure to pay a $50.00 fine imposed by the court on 4/26/63. On 10/30/67 Abernathy and others were arrested and served four days of their sentence in the Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, being released on 11/3/67. On the date of his release from jail Abernathy addressed a meeting at the Tabernacle Church, Birmingham and on 11/4/67 departed for Atlanta.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-4-2751 encl. p.1	(9)
-2784 encl. p.1,2 (Arrest warrant set out)	(9)
-2785 p.1,2	(9)
-2822 encl. p.1	(9)
-2828 encl. p.1,2	(9)
-2829 encl. p.1	(9)

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The 1/20/68 issue of "The Evening Star," Washington, DC, published an article datelined Saigon which was entitled "15 Churchmen Visit Saigon, Ask Bomb Halt." These clerical leaders, including Ralph Abernathy of the SCLC, were spending four days in South Vietnam as a stop on a world tour following the First Interreligious Symposium on Peace at New Delhi. After surveying the Vietnam war they urged President Johnson to halt the bombing of North Vietnam and de-escalate the ground war in the South.

105-138315-A "The Evening Star" (Washington)
(8) 1/20/68

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[redacted] Inspectional Bureau, Memphis, Tenn., PD, advised that on 3/18/68 Martin Luther King* spoke at a sanitation workers strike support rally in memphis. King was accompanied by Ralph Abernathy and other SCLC staff members.

157-6-28-1350 p.2
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*President of the SCLC

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[redacted] Inspectional Bureau, Memphis, Tenn., P.D., advised that on 3/19/68 Ralph Abernathy, Vice President at Large, SCLC, was in Memphis to confer with Negro ministers masterminding strike support activity for the sanitation workers strike which was going on in Memphis. (No details set out.)

157-6-28-1345 p.1
(28)

The reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Memphis area as of 4/3/68 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, Vice-President and Treasurer, SCLC, and other SCLC leaders from Atlanta, were supporting the sanitation workers strike in Memphis.

157-6-28-1443 encl. p.7
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The following references in the file captioned "Comdfil Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information pertaining to the civil rights activities of Ralph Abernathy, Vice President and Treasurer, of this organization, which was based in Atlanta, during the period 8/1/66 through 4/4/68. Abernathy was closely associated with the SCLC President, Martin Luther King, Jr. and served as his aide and personal advisor. He traveled to various cities with King or as his representative in connection with SCLC business and he coordinated SCLC conferences, programs and demonstrations. Abernathy was in Memphis on 4/4/68 at the time King was assassinated.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-438794-1767 encl. p.1	(4)
-1789 p.3 encl. p.1,2	(22)
-1809 p.2	(4)
-1813 p.1	(22)
-1818 p.5	(22)
-1822 encl. p.1	(4)
-1828 encl. p.1	(22)
-1838 p.21,35,38,39	(4)
-1871 encl. p.1	(22)
-1873 p.2,8,15,16,19,26,29,18	(22)
-1891 encl. p.2	(22)
-1906 encl. p.1	(22)
-1913 encl. p.2	(22)
-1919 encl. p.2	(4)
-1955 p.1	(22)
-2002 p.1,2,3, encl. p.1	(23)
-2066 encl. p.1	(4)
-2082 encl p.1	(23)
-2089 encl. p.1	(23)
-2092 encl. p.2	(45)

On 4/8/68 Ralph David Abernathy was interviewed regarding the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Memphis, on 4/4/68 (44-38861). He stated that he was Vice President at Large and Treasurer of the SCLC and King's closest associate. He was not on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting, but he arrived immediately following the shot and he accompanied King in the ambulance to the hospital. He was unable to suggest any suspects or to provide any information which might assist in identifying King's killer. (Interview set out.)

On 4/12/68 during an interview with Marrell McCullough, Memphis, who was at the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting and immediately ran to the aid of King, recalled that Abernathy relieved him of applying pressure with a towel to the wound of King.

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44-38861-2322 p.46,48,49
(18,39)

This reference is a letter dated 4/10/68 from Sara F. Jones, P.O. Box 18576, Boston, Mass. which offered suggestions on how to determine the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King. In this letter she asked. "Did Ralph Abernathy stand aside until he was shot?"

A pencil notation appearing on this reference stated that no acknowledgement was necessary. Jones was to be interviewed.

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44-38861-496 p.3
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The following references in the file captioned "Sanitation Workers Strike" set out the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, during the period 3/18/68 through 4/16/68, in connection with his support of the striking city sanitation workers in Memphis. He made several speeches which were militant in nature despite the fact that he repeatedly called for "nonviolence" and he held a press conference. The SCLC support of the sanitation workers began before the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68 in Memphis. King had been assisted in his duties by Abernathy, then Vice President of the SCLC.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-9146-X39 encl. p.1,2	(36)
-2 encl. p.1,3-7	(36)
-19 encl. p.2	(36)
-22 encl. p.3	(15)
-23 p.1	(36)
-26 p.4-7	(36)
-31 encl. p.1	(15)
-33 encl. p.2	(36)
-39 encl. p.2	(36)
-43 p.1	(15)
-46 p.3	(15)
-61 p.1	(36)
-64 p.1	(36)
-67 p.1	(36)
-74 encl. p.7,10-12	(36)

The following references on Ralph Abernathy appear in the main file of Martin Luther King, Jr. These references set out the associations, contacts and activities of the two men in connection with their duties as officers of the SCLC, during the period 8/9/66 through 4/4/68, on which date King was assassinated. These men traveled together in the US in connection with SCLC business and they contemplated a pleasure trip to Europe. They were also good friends and Abernathy had served as a personal advisor to King. Abernathy was King's successor as President of the SCLC and as of 4/22/68 he was attempting to execute the existing SCLC programs that would carry out King's ideals.

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100-106670-2828	p.13,15	(21)
-2853	p.1 encl. p.1	(21)
-2943	encl. p.2	(3)
-3091	encl. p.3	(21)
-3094	encl. p.3	(3)
-3136	encl. p.1,2,5A	(21)
-3141	encl. p.1	(21)
-3245	X encl. p.1	(21)
-3261	encl. p.3-7,9	(4)
-3278	p.1,2	(22)
-3380	encl. p.1	(4)
-3402	encl. p.2,3	(4)

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This reference set forth a summary of racial developments that took place on 4/29/68, which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, and approximately 150 regional leaders of the PPC met with A.G. Ramsey Clark, in Washington, DC, to demand enforcement of civil rights statutes.

157-6-1337 p.1
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This reference set out information pertaining to general racial activities in the Atlanta area as of 5/3/68 which disclosed that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC, was one of the leaders of these activities. (No details set out)

157-6-2-2444 encl. p.19
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[redacted] (9-48047) (protect identity) made available a letter postmarked 5/3/68, at NYC, which was sent to him. The letter was signed "Tupti" and contained obscene language in referring to the PPC which was being conducted in Washington, DC. The writer in protesting the campaign alleged Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC, and a Jesse Evans were Negro racists who hate "White America." The letter closed with the statement, "Warning, I am going to Washington, DC to kill niggers",

9-48047-4 encl. p.1
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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 5/5/68 [redacted] (105-142803) attended a press conference given by Ralph Abernathy, at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson.

105-142803-34 encl. p.2
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On 5/17/68 a Bureau employee furnished a copy of an undated circular which had been placed on cars in Charlotte, NC. On the printed side of this circular was a stamped notation, "all donations to help keep America free from Communist dictatorship will be deeply appreciated. Write Confederate Knights, Ku Klux Klan, P.O. Box 12351, Charlotte, NC 28205." On the front of this circular was printed a message which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy had boasted publicly that he would turn this nation upside down and shake America as it had never been shaken before. He had vowed to bring the white people to their knees. On the reverse side of the circular was a drawing of a "Communist Black Power Monster", which included Abernathy. (Circular set out in this reference.)

157-9633-19 p.50,51
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[redacted] Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, advised that on 5/22/68 Ralph Abernathy addressed the convention of the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace (100-448287) at the Shoreham. It was [redacted] understanding that Abernathy, as a result of this address, had been able to raise approximately $20,000 for the PPC from the businessmen assembled at the convention.

The 5/23/68 edition of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" carried an article entitled "Businessmen Ask War Spending Cut" which pertained to the above convention and the address given by Abernathy.

100-448287-48 p.1,2
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This reference identified Levison as being a secret member of the CP, USA, in July, 1963.

157-10197-1 encl. p.1
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*Probably in Atlanta

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This reference in the file [redacted] (100-448154) set out the contacts between [redacted] and Ralph D. Abernathy and their activities during the period May 27-29, 1968 in Washington, DC, in connection with the PPC. [redacted] They participated together in several demonstrations protesting hunger and poverty in minority groups in American. Individuals associated with the PPC were allegedly dissatisfied with the leadership given the campaign by the SCLC and Abernathy.

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100-448154-45 p.3-9
(27)

This reference set forth a summary of racial activities in the Washington, DC area as of 6/5/68 which disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President and leader of the PPC, spoke on 5/29/68 at the John Wesley AME Zion Church, on matters concerning the PPC. Included was information pertaining to complaints, by PPC participants, about the leadership of Abernathy and the fact that he was not residing at RC with the other participants.

157-6-53-1492 encl. p.3,6,79
(28)

This reference in the file [redacted] (105-127538) set out the contacts and activities of Ralph Abernathy and [redacted] during the period 5/17/68 through 6/8/68 in connection with the PPC, which was held in Washington, DC. [redacted]

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105-127538-200 p.23,25,26,29,32,33,40,44
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[redacted] in St. Petersburg, Fla., to assist the strikers of the Sanitation Department in obtaining their goals. [redacted] stated that on 6/16/68 he learned that there were indications that Ralph Abernathy might visit St. Peterburg to assist the strikers. (No details set out).

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157-6-29-1383 encl. p.2
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SI 157-6-29-1385 p.2
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (157-9364) during the PPC in Washington DC, [redacted] continued his association with top SCLC officials, including Ralph Abernathy. (No details set out.)

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157-9364-4 p.1
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The Criminal Division, Department of Justice, furnished a confirmation copy of a telegram dated 6/24/68 from [redacted] (63-6197) to Ralph Abernathy, in Atlanta, which pertained to a purported offer made [redacted] to act as a lobbyist for Abernathy. The content of this telegram was disorganized and erratic.

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Copy of telegram enclosed
63-6197-4 p.1 encl. p.1,3,4,5,
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Correlator's note: Serial 1 of this file disclosed that a chronic card on [redacted] is maintained in the Crime Records Section.

A representative of the Tampa, Florida PD, advised that Rev. A.D. King (62-111145) was to act as a representative of Ralph Abernathy in a demonstration in St. Petersburg, Florida, which would consist of striking sanitation workers in that city. King arrived in St. Petersburg on 6/27/68. (Date of demonstration not set out.)

62-111145-11 encl.p.2
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The following references in the file captioned "anti-Violence Statements By Negroes of Prominence" set out statements, excerpted from Washington, DC, and Atlanta, newspapers, which were made by Ralph D. Abernathy in support of non-violence in the civil rights movement during the period 4/5/68 through 6/28/68.

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157-9342-2 encl. p.1-3
-62 encl. p.1

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The 7/10/68 issue of "New Times," a weekly journal of world affairs, published in the USSR, carried an article entitled "People in the News-Ralph D. Abernathy," which disclosed that Abernathy was arrested in Washington, DC, on 6/25/68 during the destruction of "Resurrection City". Background information set out.

Publications-Alphabetical Section
"New Times" 7/10/68 p.20
(29)

[redacted] advised that on 7/21/68 Stanley Levison (not identified) informed [redacted] that Ralph D. Abernathy had requested [redacted] (not identified) to obtain an invitation for Mrs. Abernathy to an important women's conference to be held in NYC. Levison explained that Abernathy considered his wife to be the "first lady" of civil rights instead [redacted] Levison counseled [redacted] not to allow herself or her staff to become dependent upon the SCLC because this would give Abernathy the opportunity to tell her what to do.

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62-1080-52-35 p.2
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[redacted] advised that on 7/28/68 a person identified as [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] an associate of Stanley Levison, 100-392452) informed Levison that he had seen an old friend of Levison's whose name was [redacted] CP USA [redacted] Among other things [redacted] inquired about the SCLC, and wanted to know if Levison knew the situation "down there since Martin (Luther King) is not around. You know." [redacted] inquired how the session was with Ralph D. (Abernathy, possibly a Research Committee meeting at the Americana Hotel, NYC, on Just 25). Levison answered that it was very complicated, a difficult situation that has to do with the nature of the staff and the nature of the mistakes that were made. In answer to a question about a chance of correcting these mistakes, Levison stated that this was what was complicated because there was a difficult situation

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with the staff and you have a certain demoralization and lack of capacity in "him" (Abernathy). He added that "they" (the SCLC) never have had more money than they have and less ability to use it.

100-392452-313 p.4
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations at the National Republican Convention, Miami, Florida, August 5-10, 1968," set out the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with these demonstrations during the period 7/31/68 through 8/7/68 in Miami. He was scheduled to appear before the Convention Platform Committee's Sub-Committee on Human Rights to present the issue of the poor people and he was scheduled to speak at a Black Mass Rally. He led a group of SCLC members and PPC participants to the Fountainbleau Hotel where they milled around the hotel lobby and where Abernathy reiterated information he had previously furnished during a press conference to the effect that the SCLC mule train would come to the hotel and they would proceed from there to the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-9760-30 encl. p.1	(15)
-43 p.1	(16)
-46 encl. p.2	(16)
-48 p.2	(16)
-70 encl. p.1,2	(16)
-106 p.1	(37)
-125 p.5	(16)
-204 encl. p.1	(37)
-214 encl. p.1,2	(16)
-219 encl. p.2	(37)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out the activities and contacts of Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, in connection with his appearance on 7/31/68 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he addressed a rally in support of striking sanitation workers there. On 8/7/68 Abernathy was interviewed by the press at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., at which time he stated that he would return to St. Petersburg the following week.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-64-1906 encl. p.13-15,17,18	(11)
-1917 encl. p.1-3	(11)
-1918 encl. p.1-5	(11,29)
-1927 encl. p.2	(41)

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[redacted] advised that on 8/17/68 Ralph Abernathy attended a National Basketball Association All Star Game in Philadelphia, Pa. This was a benefit game sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the SCLC.

157-6-37-3152 encl. p.1
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On 8/17/68 [redacted] and a Memphis PD Undercover Agent Memphis, Tennessee (protect identity) advised that the Invaders completely disrupted the final day of the SCLC Annual Convention which was held in Memphis by threatening to stop the convention unless the SCLC paid them $300,000 which the Invaders claimed the late Martin Luther King, Jr., had promised them. SCLC Vice President, Andrew Young, bought them off by giving them a check for $500.00 drawn on the SCLC account. (Date of convention not set out.)

[redacted] stated that at the concluding session of the Convention the SCLC President, Ralph Abernathy, said "The Invaders can be sure that every promise made to them by Martin Luther King and the SCLC will be carried out by Ralph David Abernathy. If we go up together we're certainly going to go down together." (No date set out.)

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[redacted] furnished information similar to that set out above. (No date set out.)

This reference identified the Invaders, consisting mostly of high school dropouts, as a cell of the Black Organizing Project, Memphis (BOP). BOP's purpose was to stimulate in the young Negroes a sense of black identity, black pride and black consciousness.

157-8415-28-7 p.24,34
(11,41)

The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention, August, 1968," set out the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC in connection with these demonstrations during the period 8/23/68 through 8/28/68 in Chicago. He was leader of the "Poor Peoples March" which was sponsored by the SCLC. He did not want disturbances or violence and advised his staff to stay away from the hippies and Yippies in Lincoln Park. The SCLC demonstrators were to be recruited from Chicago Negroes. He addressed a group at Grant Park. Abernathy was listed as working with the NMC; however, his group was not to participate in NMC demonstrations.

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Abernathy reportedly made a press release in NYC, during early June, 1968 that if the SCLC demands were not met in the Washington, DC, PPC, the SCLC would demonstrate at the Democratic Convention. It was determined that this release was made by James Orange, an SCLC official from Philadelphia and indirectly attributed to Abernathy.

On the night racial disturbances in Miami, Florida, occured during the Republican Convention, Abernathy appeared on television in an effort to calm the Negroes. (No date set out.)

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-8589-157 encl. p.1	(14)
-249 encl. p.23	(14)
-262 encl. p.1	(14)
-526 encl. p.3	(15)
-708 encl. p.2	(35)
-903 encl. p.1	(15)
-1176 p.4	(15)
-1480 p.1	(15)
-1608 encl. p.1	(15)
-1684 encl. p.6	(35)

[redacted] (157-8249) furnished information regarding his activities from 8/21/68 through 8/31/68 (dates of the Democratic National Convention). [redacted] stated that on 8/28/68 he participated in the "Poor Peoples March" which took place in downtown Chicago, and terminated in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel. At this point a rally was held with Ralph Abernathy and comedian Dick Gregory both speaking.

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157-8249-5 encl. p.5
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[redacted]* advised that during the Democratic National Convention on 8/29/68 in Chicago, she attended a rally held by the "Student Mobilization Committee" (not identified) in Grant Park. During this rally she heard speeches made by Ralph Abernathy, Rennard Davis (176-51) and others.

176-51-99 p.22
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstration at Balbo Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 8/28/68", which was held in protest of candidates, and the platform of the Democratic Convention disclosed that Ralph Abernathy, head of the SCLC, participated in this demonstration. He accompanied the mule drawn wagons of the "Poor Peoples' March" which were allowed to pass through the police line, that was between the Hilton Hotel and the demonstrators. Abernathy, after passing through the police line was returning to speak with the demonstrators when suddenly the crowd surged toward the police, who met them with swift aggressive action. During the morning of 8/29/68 in front of the Hilton, Abernathy spoke to several demonstrators, and during his speech someone asked what about Daly,* and Abernathy stated "sock it to him baby," which made the crowd go wild.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
44-40353-162 p.558,708,709,718,768,772,788,817 864,865,925,1147,1148.	(2)
-243 p.268,269,275,276,347,	(2)
-331 p.10	(48)

*Mayor Daly of Chicago

The 9/11/68 issue of "The Evening Star", Washington DC, published an article entitled "Abernathy, Trash Men to March Despite Court," which quoted David Abernathy as saying that he would lead Atlanta's striking garbage men in demonstrations despite a court injunction ordering the men back to work.

157-6-2-A "Evening Star"
(47) 9/11/68

The 10/15/68 issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald" published an article entitled "Black Coalition Sets Support Terms" by Robert C. Maynard, which pertained to a meeting of the National Committee of Inquiry (100-450753), a black political group. This meeting was held in Gary, Ind., October 12-14,1968, for the purpose of advising the Negro voter how to vote in the forthcoming Presidential election.* Ralph David Abernathy, a member of this committee, was in attendance at this meeting.

100-450753-A "Washington Post and
(40) Times Herald" 10/15/68
SI 100-450753-A "The Monitor" 10/6/68
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[redacted] furnished information concerning events he observed during his coverage of the Democratic National Convention in the vicinity of the Hilton Hotel. On 8/28/68 immediately following the time that the Poor Peoples March, led by Ralph Abernathy, had passed through the police line, maintained between the demonstrators and the Hilton, [redacted] heard the words "Charge em! This was shouted through the bull horn [redacted]

The 11/13/68 issue of the "Curier-Post", Camden, N.J., carried an article entitled "Benny Ortiz Back in Class", by Stephen Allen, which disclosed that Ortiz had been coordinator with the PPC in Washington, DC, during which time he became a good friend of Abernathy.

157-11341-7 p.8,10
(16)

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that the Black United Student, Kent State University (157-11999) were responsible for demonstrations on the KSU campus. [redacted] stated that on 11/15/68 a rumor was circulated that possibly Ralph Abernathy would visit the campus the coming weekend. (No details set out.)

157-11999-6 encl. p.2
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SI 157-11999-1 p.1
(16)

According to [redacted] Ralph David Abernathy [redacted] (No details set out.)

157-6-8-2722 encl. p.3
(41)

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The following references in the file captioned "Desegregation of Public Schools Hyde County, North Carolina " set out information pertaining to the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with his interest in having the SCLC participate in the Hyde County School situation. Abernathy's interest in this situation was largely due to the fact that the SCLC was not, during this period, engaged in any other activity. On 11/26/68 he spoke at a meeting in Swan Quarter, N.C., and claimed that the full resources of the SCLC were behind Hyde County activities. He called for total integration, both schools and faculty, and stated that he would call for one hundred per cent walk out of Negro teachers. Abernathy rambled in his speech and took pills from two different bottles before his speech and then during his speech he claimed a previous virus and stated the medication made him dopey. This information covered the period 11/15/68 through 12/11/68.

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
173-5889-89 p.2	(17)
-98 encl. p.1-3	(37)
-116 encl. p.2,5	(17)
-131 encl. p.1	(17)
-136 encl. p.1	(37)

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[redacted] (protect identity) advised on 12/17/68 [redacted] (No date set out.)

100-445781-19 p.5
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An article appearing in the 1/4/69 issue of "The Washington Post" reported that Ralph Abernathy was one of the speakers invited to address a "conference on the movement" to be held January 18-19,1969 at Washington City College, Washington, DC. This conference was to include workshops dealing with anti-war and radical programs and was sponsored by the NMC. The NMC and other anti-war groups were attempting to obtain a permit for Demonstrations During Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies, Washington, DC Janyary 19-20, 1969 (100-451694).

100-451694-188 encl. p.2
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[redacted] and [redacted] Metropolitan PD, Washington, DC (protect identity), advised that on [redacted]

100-451694-42 encl. p.5
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence In Racial Matters" disclosed information pertaining to CP penetration and influence in racial organizations. During the period 10/30/66 through 1/27/69 Ralph D. Abernathy, who had served as Vice-President, Treasurer, and President of the SCLC, was in contact with SCLC business. Levison acted as an advisor and consultant to the leadership of the SCLC, and Wachtel was Executive Director of the American Foundation on Nonviolence, a "tax arm" of the SCLC. Approximately November, 1968 Jack O'Dell, Associate Manager, "Freedomways" which was set up by the CP, was appointed as an aide to Abernathy. Allegedly the CP was not satisfied with the leadership of Abernathy and because of this financial contributions to the SCLC had been small. Abernathy attended an SCLC Conference at Warrenton, Va. from September 12-17,1967, which was also attended by Levison and Wachtel.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-442529-2114 p.4,9	(26)
-2116 p.46	(7)
-2118 encl. p.1	(26)
-2183 p.2 encl. p.1	(26)
-2239 encl. p.4	(26)
-2242 encl. p.1	(26)
-2243 p.40	(7)
-2351 p.3	(7)
-2354 p.5	(26)
-2370 encl. p.2	(45)
-2506 p.1	(26)
-2508 encl. p.1	(27)
-2672 encl. p.1	(27)
-2758 p.18	(27)
-2774 p.1,4,6,7,9-11	(27)

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[redacted] Sylvester, Georgia, PD, advised that on 2/22/69 Ralph David Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, Atlanta, and other ranking officials of the SCLC, led a parade and demonstration in Sylvester. This affair climaxed a series of racial demonstrations that had been going on in Sylvester, for a period of two months.

44-41792-3 encl. p.1
(39)

The following references in the file captioned "Boycott by Negro Students, J.W. Holly High School Sylvester, Worth County, Georgia", set out information pertaining to the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with a protest march held 2/22/69 in Sylvester. Abernathy was one of the leaders of this march and spoke to the crowd gathered at the Worth County Courthouse. This march which protested the arrest of a 14-year old girl, who had been committed to a juvenile detention home, was sponsored by civil rights, labor, religious, and student organizations

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including the SCLC. This information covered the period 2/20/69 through 2/22/69.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-11845-119 encl. p.1	(37)
-137 encl. p.4	(37)
-152 encl. p.5,6	(43)

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67D On 4/2/69 [redacted] (protect identity) furnished a copy of an undated leaflet entitled "Heah Come De Reverend..." which was distributed by the National Socialist White Peoples Party (105-70374), 2507 North Franklin Road, Arlington, Va. This was "hate literature" which related to Ralph David Abernathy and described him as the "Sleazy Proprietor of Last Year's Ill-famed 'Insurrection City'".

Leaflet enclosed
105-70374-5583 encl. p.3,4
(41)
SI 105-70374-5580 encl. p.1
(41)

67C [redacted] PD, Memphis, advised that they were concerned over the possibilities of massive demonstrations on 4/4/69, commemorating the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In this regard it was noted that Ralph Abernathy, had stated in Atlanta, that the SCLC did not plan to lead any massive demonstrations on 4/4/69. However, he suggested that local people connected with the SCLC should remember this day with some type of commemorative activity. (No date set out.)

157-6-28-1552 p.3
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The following references in the file captioned "Commemoration of the Death of Martin Luther King" set out information pertaining to the activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with the proposed program of the SCLC to engage the nation in commemoration and re-commitment of the ideals of the late Martin Luthe King, Jr., former SCLC President. It was reported that Abernathy would visit Pittsburgh, Pa., Raleigh, NC and Selma, Ala. This information covered the period 3/11/69 through 4/5/69.

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157-12709-13 encl. p.1		(16)
-15 encl. p.2,3,7,9,	(details pertaining	(16/43)
-22 p.1	to SCLC program)	(16)
-27 p.2		(17)
-37 encl. p.1		(17/37)
-337 p.1		(17)
-466 encl. p.1,3		(37)
-489 encl. p.1		(43)

On 4/5/69 [redacted] Community Relations and Internal Security Bureau, Montgomery PD, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that Ralph David Abernathy, during a conference with President Levi Watkins, Alabama State College, Montgomery, pertaining to student demonstrations at the school, requested amnesty for the students who were protesting. Abernathy also requested that some of the buildings on campus be renamed for some of the Negro leaders. [redacted] stated that he had received the impression that these requests were made more for a show for the benefit of fellow SCLC representatives who were with Abernathy at the time of the conference. (Date of conference not set out.)

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62-112228-61-11 p.1
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This reference set out the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, in connection with the Peace Mobilization. April 4-6,1969 (62-112785), in Atlanta, which was held in commemoration of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, of the SCLC. On 4/6/69 Abernathy led a march, made two speeches and led a prayer, all of which were in favor of continuing the work of King in relation to the end of the Vietnam War, and the elimination of racism and poverty in American Society.

62-112785-58 encl.p.2,5-7
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SI 62-112785-44 encl. p.2
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[redacted] advised that on 4/25/69 Ralph D. Abernathy and others were arrested in Charleston, SC, while demonstrating on behalf of Negro hospital workers who were attempting to organize a union at the Medical College Hospital and Medical College of South Carolina. Following the arrest of Abernathy, the immediate reaction of the SCLC was that the arrestees would not accept bail.

62-112228-2-21 encl. p.1
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On 4/26/69 Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson, of the SCLC, Atlanta, together with George Payton, Charleston, SC, Attorney, met with Ralph D. Abernathy at the Charleston County Jail. (No details set out, source not identified.)

62-112228-66-14 p.1
(21)

On 5/6/69 Ralph D. Abernathy held a press conference in Charleston, SC, during which he referred to SCLC activity* scheduled to take place in Charleston on 5/11/69. (Source not set out.)

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157-6-2-2704 encl. p.2
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*Pertaining to the strike of hospital workers.

This reference in the file Student Agitation-General (62-112228) disclosed that agitation continued at Montgomery, Alabama, to demand that the President of Alabama State College be fired. A March, to be led by Ralph D. Abernathy, was scheduled for 5/9/69 from the college to the State Capitol. A Faculty Committee had been formed at the College to ask for the resignation of its President. (No details set out, source not indicated)

62-112228-273 p.2
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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out the activities and contacts of Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, in Charleston, SC, during the period 4/21/69 through 5/21/69 in connection with the strike of non-professional hospital workers in this area. In connection with the SCLC support of the efforts to organize a union for these employees Abernathy became active in this civil disobedience campaign. He made speeches and led demonstrations. He was arrested on 4/26/69 in violation of a court order which pertained to picketing and remained in custody until 5/2/69.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-66-543 encl. p.10,11	(29)
-560 encl. p.4,6	(29)
-578 p.1,2	(29)
-603 encl. p.1-8	(11)
-611 encl. p.2-5	(29,41)
-614 p.1	(29)
-646 encl. p.3,5,6	(29)
-650 encl. p.2	(29)
-651 p.1	(29)
-655 encl. p.1	(29,41)

The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" set out information pertaining to the civil rights activities of Ralph Abernathy, President, of the SCLC, which was based in Atlanta, during the period 4/5/68 through 5/21/69. Abernathy was Martin Luther King's successor as President of this group and endeavored to execute an SCLC program that would carry out King's ideals. Because of a lack of confidence in his abilities and fear that he would be ignored by the press, Abernathy jeopardized the administration of the SCLC in favor of his public image. Stanley Levison, secret CP member in 1963 and an SCLC advisor, castigated Abernathy for this and counseled him on how to run the organization. He participated in SCLC sponsored affairs that were held in various cities, including the PPC in Washington, DC, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the Republican National Convention, Miami. In addition to his duties with the SCLC, Abernathy also served as pastor of the West Hunter St., Baptist Church, Atlanta.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-438794-2106 p.1,2	(23)
-2110 p.1 encl. p.1,2	(23,39)
-2118 p.1	(4)
-2121 encl. p.1	(23)
-2122 p.1 encl. p.1,2	(23)
-2136 encl. p.1	(23)

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100-438794-2137-p.1,2	(4)
-2139 encl. p.1-3	(5)
-2145 encl. p.3	(5)
-2146 encl. p.1	(23)
-2150 encl. p.1	(5)
-2152 encl. p.2-5	(5)
-2155 encl. p.1-5	(5)
-2161 encl. p.2-5	(5)
-2162 encl. p.1	(39)
-2168 p.1 encl. p.1	(23)
-2179 encl. p.1,2	(23)
-2185 encl. p.1-5	(5)
-2187 p.1,2	(23)
-2201 encl. p.1	(5)
-2223 encl. p.1	(39)
-2239 p.2,5	(24)
-2242 encl. p.1-6	(5)
-2263 p.1,2,3	(24)
-2279 p.1	(5)
-2281 encl. p.1,2	(24)
-2283 encl. p.1	(24)
-2287 p.2	(39)
-2296 encl. 1,3	(5)
-2326 encl. p.1,3,4	(5)
-2327 encl. p1,2,5,6,8,9,12,13,25,33, 37-39,41,42,55,58,70,71,(Eleventh Annual Convention of the SCLC, Aug.14-17,1968)	(24,39)
-2328 encl. p.1,2	(6)
-2333 p.1	(6)
-2335 p.2,14-19,21,24,25	(24,39)
-2340 encl. p.1-4,10	(24)
-2345 p.1,2,6,9-13,15-21,23-26	(6,24)
-2359 encl. p.1	(24)
-2364 encl. p.2	(24)
-2373 encl. p.1	(25)
-2380 p.1 encl. p.1	(6)
-2400 p.1 encl. p.1	(25)
-2401 p.1	(40)
-2416 encl. p.1-3	(26)
-2417 p.2 encl. p.1-5	(25)
-2429 p.1	(40)
-2432 p.1	(25)
-2434 p.1	(6)

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100-438794-2439 encl.1,2	(6)
-2440 p.1	(6)
-2461 p.1 encl. p.1	(6)
-2468 encl. p.2	(25)
-2477 encl. p.2-4	(25)
-2498 p.1	(25)
-2513 encl. p.1-4,8,13	(40)
-2521 p. 1 encl. p.2	(6)(25)
-2524 encl p.1,2	(6)
-2530 encl p.1	(25)
-2532 encl. p.2	(25)
-2559 encl p.1	(6)
-2568 encl. p.1,2	(6)
-2576 p.1,2	(7)(40)
-2583 encl. p.1,2	(25)
-2586 p. 1 encl. p.1	(25)
-2627 encl. p.1,2,4-6	(7)
-2629 p.1 encl. p.1	(7)
-2635 encl. p.1	(7)
-2645 encl. p.1-3	(26)
-2654 encl. p.1	(26)
-2688 p.1	(26)
Sub-A "The Worker" 4/16/68	(26)
Washington Capital News Service 8/15/68	(7)
Washington Capital News Service 8/16/68	(40)
"The Evening Star" 8/16/68	(40)
"Washington Post and Times Herald" 8/17/68	(40)
Washington Capital News Service 11/21/68	(40)
"Washington Daily News" 3/6/69	(40)

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out affairs pertaining to the civil rights movement in which Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, participated or planned to participate:

DATE	LOCALITY	TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
3/15/67	Louisville, Ky.	Would possibly speak at a meeting of supporters for an open housing ordinance.	157-6-27-582 encl. p.8	(9)
3/29/67		Spoke at rally of the supporters of an open housing ordinance.	157-6-870 encl.p.3	(8)
3/29/67		Spoke at a rally of supporters for an open housing ordinance.	157-6-27-601 encl. p.7	(9)
			-608 encl. p.1,2	(10)
			-613 encl. p.5	(10)
3/30/67		In charge of contributions at a meeting of supporters for an opening housing ordinance.	-604 encl. p.9	(9)
5/11/67		Led demonstration and spoke at meeting of open housing supporters.	-707 encl. p.2,3	(10)
9/21/67	Montgomery, Ala.	Spoke at an open meeting regarding the racial situation in Montgomery.	157-6-61-1535 encl. p.1	(11)

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4/4/68	Memphis, Tenn.	Conference with Memphis SCLC leaders over course of action as to violence or non-violence Memphis.	157-6-54-2796 encl. p.5,6	(11)
4/5/68		Led a march in sympathy to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.		
4/8/68		Planned to lead a march of striking sanitation workers. (background information set out.)	157-6-2-2428 p.5,6	(9)(27)
4/8/68		participate in a parade and spoke at City Hall Plaza in Memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.	157-6-28-1472 encl. p.2,3	(28)
			-1439 p.1,2	(10)(28)
5/24-26/68	Philadelphia, Pa.	Scheduled to be the principal speaker at a conference on "Racism in Education".	157-6-37-2985 encl. p.1	(10)

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7/26/68	Peoria, Ill.	Spoke before the North Central Conference of United Methodists.	157-6-52-1631 p.1	(41)
8/7/68	Miami, Fla.	Scheduled to speak at a "Black Mass Rally".	157-6-29-1487 encl. p.2	(10)
8/13/68	Jacksonville, Fla.	Rumored that Abernathy planned to participate in a memorial parade and service for Thomas Felix, Negro.	157-6-61-2069 encl. p.1,2	(11)
			-2067 p.1	(11)
9/10/68	Atlanta, Ga.	Meeting and demonstration in support of striking sanitation workers. (arrested).	157-6-2-2509 encl. p.2-4	(28)
			-2511 encl.p.2	(28)
			-2490 p.1	(28)
		Demonstration	-A "Washington Post and Times Herald" 9/11/68	(28)
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3/11/69	Washington, DC	Reportedly would participate in a march.	157-6-1928 p.1,2	(27)
3/19/69	Mobile, Ala.	Planned to lead a protest march during the Junior Miss Pageant for the purpose of having a black man placed on the administrative staff of the Municipal Auditorium.	157-6-61-1694 encl. p.2	(11)
4/8/69	Birmingham, Ala.	Opened second Chapter of the PPC, to be focused in Ala.	157-6-4-3028 p.1,4	(41)
			-3025 p.1	(28)
5/6/69	Mobile, Ala.	If needed would participate in demonstrations at the Junior Miss Pageant, which had been documented as a racist affair by civil rights groups.	157-6-61-1732 encl. p.2,7	(11)
5/13/69	Zebulon, Ga.	Planned to speak at a demonstration which was a protest regarding shhool matters.	157-6-2-2710 encl. p.2,7	(28)
5/29/69	Charleston, SC	Spoke (no details set out.)	157-6-1969 p.1,4	(27)

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A patrolman with the Chicago PD, working as an Undercover Officer (protect identity), furnished information regarding Disturbances In Connection With the Democratic National Convention (176-1410). On 8/4/68 during a meeting of the NMC, in Highland Park, Ill., where plans were being made for their demonstrations during the convention, it was announced by Dave Dellinger, also a subject in this file, that Ralph Abernathy was working with the NMC. However, the blacks did not plan to participate in NMC demonstrations in Chicago.

176-1410-396 p.16
(17)

The following references in the file captioned "Washington Spring Project" aka "The Poor People's Campaign" set out information pertaining to the contacts and activities of Ralph Abernathy, an official of the SCLC, in connection with this project which was sponsored by the SCLC, in Washington, DC. The campaign was the original idea of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., deceased president of the SCLC, with Abernathy acting as his aide. King desired to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro and other minority groups. Abernathy visited several cities where he solicited the cooperation of the clergy, support from civil rights groups and recruited demonstrators. He also visited southern communities in order to generate interest in this project. He was assigned, by King, as area supervisor in charge of recruitment of demonstrators in Baltimore, Newark and Washington, DC. Following the death of King on 4/4/68 Abernathy became president of the SCLC and continued with the plans of this campaign as a memorial to King. On 4/29/68 Abernathy initiated the PPC and for several days he and other PPC representatives presented their demands to Congress and other Government agencies. During the campaign he led militant unruly demonstrations, made speeches that contained inflamatory statements, held news conferences and attended a Senate Committee Hearing on hunger. On 6/24/68 when the PPC ended Abernathy and others were arrested during a demonstration. Abernathy was sentenced to 20 days in the DC Jail during which period he went on a hunger strike. He did not remain in Washington during the complete campaign. He traveled to various US cities to launch the contingent caravans of participants that were to travel to Washington and attended SCLC fund raising rallies. The campaign participants resided in a temporary community known as RC which offered poor living conditions. Some residents were disgusted with Abernathy because he did not reside at RC. Following the close of the PPC Abernathy and other SCLC leaders remained in Washington for a time to determine if the PPC should be continued here. It was decided that the problems of the poor people be presented to the national convention of both the Democratic and Republican parties. Abernathy led the second phase of the PPC which was held in Washington during the period 5/12/69 through 5/16/69, at which time discussions were held with Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members and other prominent individuals. A lack of planning and leadership was evident in this activity as in previous affairs arranged by Abernathy. This information covered the period 2/2/68 through 8/17/69.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 5, 1971

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Springfield, Illinois
February 5, 1971

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period	Typed By:
ATLANTA	ATLANTA	3/23/71	3/15-22/71	[redacted]

Report made by: SA [redacted] b7C

Title of Case: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Character of Case: RM

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REFERENCE: Atlanta report of SA [redacted] 3/3/70.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will follow and submit pertinent information regarding subject's activities.

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AT 157-257

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2. [X] The data appearing on the [ ] Security Index Card [X] Agitator Index Card are current.
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5. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available. Date photograph was taken 1968.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified See Page B because *(state reason)*

8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. [X] This case has been reevaluated in the light of the [ ] Security Index [X] Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*
as President of SCLC and because of influence this organization holds in civil rights field, subject possesses great potential to foment disorder by word or action.

11. [ ] Subject's SI card is tabbed [ ] Priority I [ ] Priority II [ ] Priority III.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because *(state reasons)*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 23, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Department of the Treasury
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RE: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY;
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Date: March 23, 1971

Field Office File #: 157-257 Bureau File #: 100-442706

Title: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: ABERNATHY continues residence at 690 LaVerne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., and to be employed as pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta. He also continues to serve as President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered in Atlanta. Subject's activities in connection with SCLC set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

As of March 15, 1971, ABERNATHY continued to reside with his wife and family at 690 LaVerne Drive, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted]

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Employment

As of March 15, 1971, ABERNATHY continued employment as pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, 725 Hunter Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. In addition,he continued to serve as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the national headquarters of which is located at 334 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta. [redacted]

Activities

The March 30, 1970, edition of the Atlanta Constitution, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 9A, published an article datelined New York entitled "Summer Rioting Feared." This article reflected that on March 29, 1970, ABERNATHY "appeared on Face the Nation on CBS-TV." ABERNATHY claimed that lack of leadership by President NIXON was responsible for the absence of progress in the civil rights movement. In this connection, ABERNATHY said, "I must be honest and admit that unless we have more action and less rhetoric then we're going to have some hot summers and hot winters, and I fear for our nation this summer." He was, however, quoted as stating, "I will never lead any program of violence in this country."

In regard to the Black Panther Party (BPP), the article reflected ABERNATHY commented "he did not agree with the violent aspects of the Black Panther movement, but said he would give his life for their right to express their ideas."

A characterization of the BPP is set forth in the Appendix section of this report.

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On August 14, 1970, the Atlanta Journal, daily Atlanta newspaper, on Page 11A, of its evening edition, published an article entitled "Abernathy Accuses Nation: Liar - - Murderer - - Prostitute," bylined MORRIS SHELTON. This article revealed that on the evening of August 13, 1970, ABERNATHY addressed a meeting of the 13th SCLC Annual Convention held in the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Atlanta.

ABERNATHY declared the United States claims to stand for justice and equality for all, but in this respect the United States is "guilty of practicing one thing while preaching another." In this regard, the article stated that ABERNATHY also denounced the United States as a "liar - Fraud - Robber - Murderer - Invader - Whoremonger and Prostitute."

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The October 20, 1970, evening edition of the Atlanta Journal on Page 18A published an article datelined Kyoto, Japan, entitled, "Abernathy Urges Nonviolent Revolt in Japan." The article revealed ABERNATHY was attending "The World Conference on Religion and Peace." During an interview by United Press International on October 20, 1970, ABERNATHY was indicated to have stated that racism was the biggest problem facing the United States and the world. He was quoted as saying, "Racism is our biggest problem, but the war, the Vietnam war, has also got to be stopped immediately."

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby G. Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, George Murray. This article ended with the following:

> "Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

David Hilliard, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

David Hilliard, in "The New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture, Emory Douglas, as follows:

> "The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is .....by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces .....are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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RALPH D. ABERNATHY
RACIAL MATTER

On February 25, 1971, an article appeared in the "Las Vegas Sun", a Las Vegas, Nevada, daily newspaper, stating that Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced at a Washington, D.C., press conference that he would participate in demonstrations in Las Vegas, Nevada. The article continued that the marches were scheduled for the first two weekends of March, 1971.

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On Friday, March 5, 1971, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Abernathy at a rally sponsored by the NWRO at the University of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. Abernathy spoke to a gathering of approximately 1,200 persons.

On March 6, 1971, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Abernathy participating in a march down the Las Vegas "Strip" sponsored by the NWRO.

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Dear [redacted]

Ralph Abernathy

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning Allied operations in Laos.

In the last three years, there has been a tremendous change in the complexion of the war in Southeast Asia. In 1969, the Communist forces were pushed deep into the countryside, away from the population centers. Pacificiation programs helped to draw popular support away from the Communists. In 1970, the Communist sanctuaries in Cambodia were eliminated. No longer can the enemy rest, secure in the knowledge that he is beyond attack. Now, in 1971, the allies are attempting to cut the enemy supply line in Laos near its source. Without these three essential elements--popular support, sanctuary, and a secure supply line--the Communist guerilla movement will wither.

The move into Laos is not, as some contend, a widening of the war. Aerial interdiction has been used in that area for several years. The South Vietnamese are simply substituting a more efficient form of interdiction--their own ground troops. Moreover, by cutting the enemy supply line and thus weakening enemy forces, the United States will be able to continue the withdrawal of American troops. In this manner, we can achieve the goal of disengagement which we all desire. 100-442706

Sincerely yours,

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Abernathy Record Bared In House

Rep. Rarick Exposes Sex Offenses Revealed In Montgomery Trial

Washington (AP)—Rep. John R. Rarick, D-

Here is the complete text of Representative Rarick's statement appearing on pages H-3389 and H-3390 of the Congressional Record of May 6, 1968. Rarick captioned the statement, "Ralph Abernathy—Preacher Or Pervert."

MR. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, ever since Ralph Abernathy assumed control of the rich man's "poor people's march" to occupy Washington, most southerners who know about Abernathy have shuddered at the deceit and national prestige buildup given Abernathy as a leader.

We have kept our peace—knowing that any comment would not receive fair consideration—in all probability discounted as "racism."

But the news establishment, knowing the facts, continued to be silent until the Montgomery Advertiser on May 2, 1968, spoke out.

In a lead editorial captioned "The" Leader of the Great Crusade," the Montgomery Advertiser slashed into Abernathy's reputation by calling him "an unpolished and disreputable cleric" and politely, I assure you, rehashed the sex scandal involving Abernathy and a 15-year-old female member of Abernathy's church.

I have a complete transcript of the testimony of the exploited girl given at the jury trial of her husband—who was acquitted by a jury of chasing and striking at Abernathy with a hatchet.

The testimony of the youthful victim, Vivian McCoy Davis, uncontradicted by Abernathy, is so filthy and perverted that I cannot—in good conscience—place it in the Record for our colleagues' examination.

I will, however, make her testimony available on request to my colleagues, or it can be obtained from the Herald, 407 Butler Street, Anderson, S.C.—South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper—by asking for a copy of their June 19, 1965, edition which contained a full account of the sordid background of Ralph Abernathy including the testimony.

I can only add that Abernathy apparently has little control over himself—he couldn't have control of the threatened booby trap merging on Washington under the banner of a poor people's march. But he can be used to exploit poor people.

Mr. Speaker, I place the May 2 editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser in the Record at this point:

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NASHVILLE BANNER.

guard of a movement which is trying to intimidate Congress not only into massive redistribution of the wealth to the poor (along with the shiftless), but into changing foreign policy. Vietnam is only one item of the agenda of the amorphous mass which may number in the tens of thousands (hundreds of thousands, some say) who will attempt to immobilize Washington by late May.

In their initial protest Monday, the Abernathy-led extremists denounced U.S. diplomatic and business ties with Portugal and South Africa. The United States must not be encumbered, the formal statement said, "with the support in any way of racist societies abroad."

Although Abernathy keeps mouthing the old line about non-violence, this is once again semantic camouflage for the threat of violence unless Washington—the President and Congress—knuckles under to every demand.

Today, the first of the poor people's caravans, as the march leaders describe them, is scheduled to set out from Memphis toward Washington via Marks, Miss. Next Week, others are to start from other locations, in the Midwest, South, North and West.

The first contingents of what is designed to be a seige of Washington are due to arrive May 12, with the escalation of forces reaching peak strength for an indeterminate camp-in by May 30. According to the time table, "major demonstrations" are to begin May 20.

By June, Abernathy's invading horde has it figured, there will be shantytowns all over Washington and the work of government should be paralyzed—unless.

The government meets all demands, including massive new federal programs and handouts, a guaranteed income for everyone, liberalization of welfare programs and regulations, and such changes in foreign policy as the blackmailers may demand.

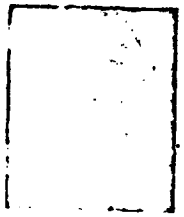
Terror is not the appropriate reaction in Washington; righteous anger is, accompanied by massive force. Unless authorities have the courage to turn back this invasion, by whatever force is necessary, and refuse to be intimidated, the words of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, will prove prophetic:

"I am greatly concerned for my country . . . I feel that we can see ample evidence of destruction of our nation from within."

It would all be sickening enough if the leadership were other than Ralph Abernathy, an unprincipled and unspeakable bum without any redeeming qualities whatever: a demagogue worse than Stokely Carmichael if only because he's so stupid, a degenerate unfit to lead the smallest rural church much less pose as the representative of America's unfortunate poor.

SCLC's Abernathy Veers Toward Black Extremism

It's been overlooked by the press, but the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the civil rights organization led by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, has been veering even sharper to port under King's successor and ex-right hand man, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Abernathy's group, which has formed a coalition with the National Welfare Rights Organization (now demanding a guaranteed annual income for the poor of $6,500), has swung behind the movement to free Angela Davis, the avowed Communist who has been indicted on murder charges.



ABERNATHY

Abernathy has become so beloved by the far left that the *Daily World*, official publication of the Communist Party, U.S.A., recently reprinted his speech delivered to 4,000 people who crowded into New York's Manhattan Center for a birthday tribute to Miss Davis. The main speaker of the evening, Abernathy also shared the platform with such individuals as William L. Patterson, chairman of the Communist party's Black Liberation Commission, and Henry Winston, another top Communist party official.

In a statement saturated with hate-America rhetoric, Abernathy proclaimed that it was not Miss Davis but the U.S. that was on trial. Said King's heir:

"I see the American system charged with the kidnapping, the murder and the conspiracy. I charge the American system with the kidnapping of black people from Africa . . .

"I charge the American system with the kidnapping, with the imprisonment and the starvation of black children on the plantations of Mississippi, in the ghettos of Chicago and even right here in the ghettos of the North . . .

"I charge the American system with the kidnapping of young men and sending them to die in a criminal, racist, godless and unwinnable war in Southeast Asia 10,000 miles away . . .

"I charge the American system with the murder of the Vietnamese people. I charge the American system with the murder of Malcolm X and my dearest friend, Martin Luther King Jr. I charge the American system with the killing of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, Viola Liuzzo, Jimmy Lee Jackson, Medgar Evers and a host of others.

"I charge the American system with murder in its genocidal tendencies which are clearly defined in the United Nations Charter . . .

"I charge the American system with conspiracy to steal the resources of other countries . . . I charge the American system with a conspiracy to exploit peoples throughout the world, and to oppress millions of our people here in our own land . . .

"I charge the American system with conspiracy to repress and violently subjugate those who resist. All you have to do is to look in any corner of this nation of ours, and you will see the conspiracy to repress the Black Panthers and to destroy this group of individuals under the disguise that they believe in violence . . ."

Such is the new militancy being brandished by King's SCLC. In the wake of these "new directions," politicos in Washington are now wondering just what liberal candidates will be willing to receive Abernathy's blessings.

his unsavory background, finally being elevated to King's throne after the tragedy in Memphis.

Monday he led the van-

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY. INFORMATION CONCERNING. RM.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) DATE: 6/28/71

FROM : [redacted] SAC, NEW YORK (157-1748)(C)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C
RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - RM

ReBu airtel, 4/23/71, captioned as above and AT teletype date 5/12/71, captioned "COMINFIL SCLC, IS-C".

There are enclosed for the Bureau 5 copies of a LHM containing information set forth in the 5/22/71, issue of the "Daily World" about the World Peace Assembly held in Budapest in May, 1971. RALPH ABERNATHY is identified as a participant as is WYATT TEE WALKER, a former SCLC official.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
June 28, 1971

Ralph David Abernathy
Information Concerning - Racial Matters

The "Daily World", May 11, 1971, page three, contained an article datelined at Budapest, Hungary, May 4, 1971, which noted that 85 delegates from the United States were to attend a World Peace Assembly to be held in Budapest on May 13-16, 1971. It said that the general secretary of the World Peace Council (WPC), Romesh Chandra, announced that day that some 800 delegates would attend the assembly "in the broadest anti-war gathering of its kind". It added that in addition to WPC members, representatives of national and international organizations as well as legislative bodies, religious, youth and women's organizations would attend.

The article stated that James Forest, "a representative of the United States peace movement", told a news conference that about 35 United States delegates were expected and that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and other prominent United States personalities had indicated their willingness to participate.

The "Daily World" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

The WPC was formed at the conclusion of the Second World Peace Congress held in Warsaw, November 16-22, 1950, under Communist initiative. It continues today as a major international effort to discredit the United States.

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Ralph David Abernathy

The "Daily World", issue of May 22, 1971, page 10, contained an article "July 4 Set for World Peace Actions" which was datelined at Budapest, May 16, 1971. This article, in part, noted that "A manifesto addressed to the peoples of the world and appeals for special actions marked the final session of the World Peace Assembly that concluded its work here this weekend...." It said further that the central slogan of an appeal for withdrawal of all United States and Allied forces from Indochina is, "Set the '71 Date", and that July 4, 1971, has been set as the day for mass actions at United States Embassies around the world calling for the withdrawal of United States forces.

The article noted that among the 25 participants from the United States were Ralph Abernathy, and Wyatt Tee Walker, "a close associate in the SCLC of the late Reverend Martin Luther King." It said that a posthumous award, the Joliot - Curie Peace Medal, was made to Doctor Martin Luther King at the final session and that Wyatt Tee Walker accepted this award for the SCLC.

Walker, according to the article, invited Ralph Abernathy to the microphone after the award to Doctor King and that Abernathy's comments included the statement that "history has placed on our shoulders the task of deciding the destiny of mankind - the task of building a new world, a world without racism and poverty, a world of peace."

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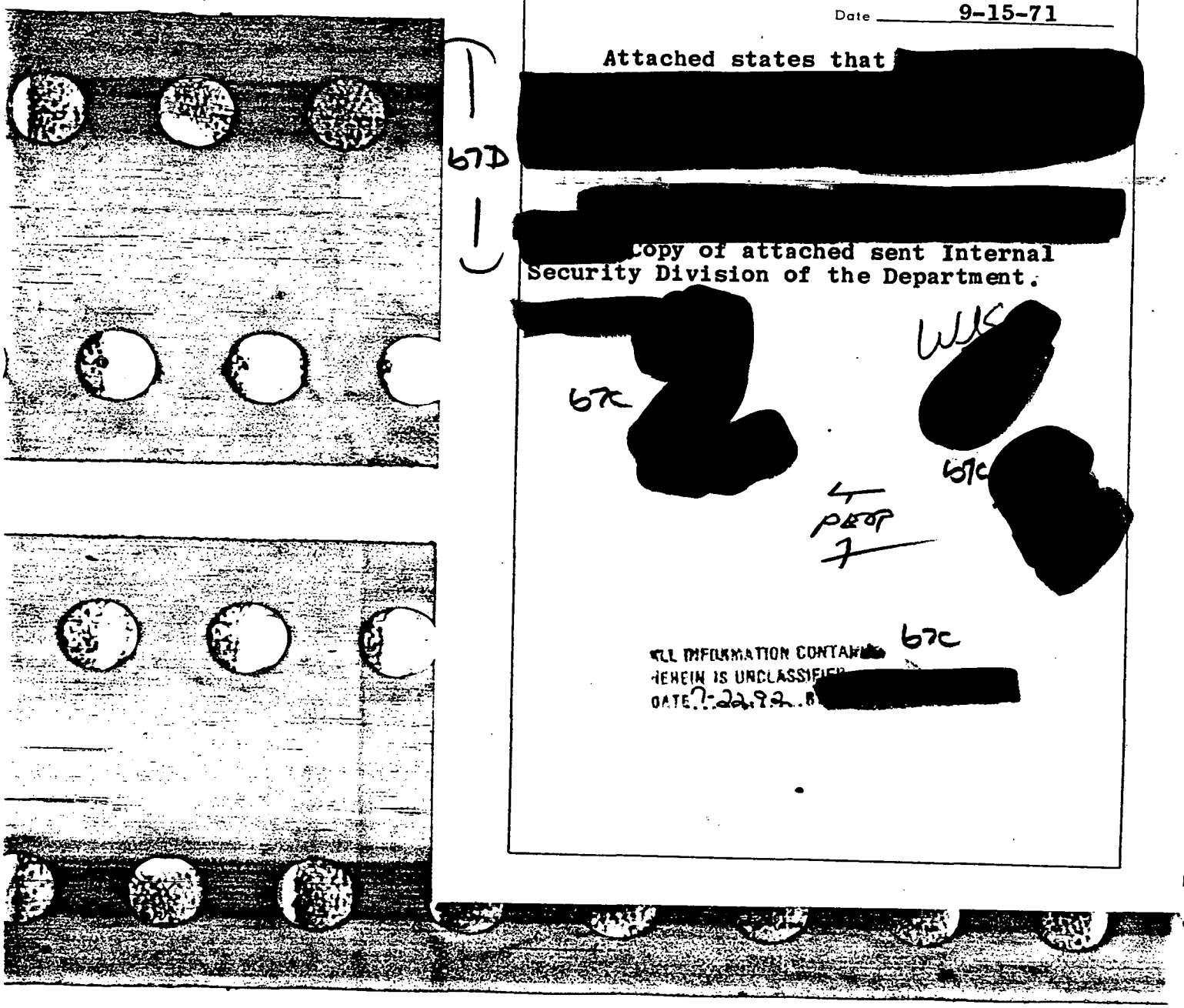

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RALPH ABERNATHY

PROTEST MARCHES, CHOCTAW COUNTY, BUTLER, ALABAMA, FOR NEGRO EQUALITY IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, JUNE TWENTYFIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SEVENTYONE. CIVIL UNREST.

AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SEVENTYONE, FOURTEEN NEGRO ADULTS AND TWENTYSEVEN NEGRO JUVENILES ENTERED BOTH BUTLER ELEMENTARY AND CHOCTAW COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS, BUTLER ALABAMA, AND MARCHED THROUGH THESE BUILDINGS. THIS GROUP WAS ARRESTED BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS AND CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. BETWEEN EIGHT AM AND ELEVEN AM, THIS DATE, A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN NEGRO YOUTHS DEMONSTRATED AT LISMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LISMAN, ALABAMA, AND AFTER THEY WERE LOCKED OUT OF THIS SCHOOL,

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APPROXIMATELY TEN NEGRO YOUTHS BROKE WINDOWS IN THE SCHOOL, ENTERED THE SCHOOL AND DISRUPTED CLASSES. CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS ARRESTED EIGHT NEGRO ADULTS AND THIRTEEN NEGRO JUVENILES INVOLVED IN THIS DISTURBANCE. THESE NEGROES WERE ALSO CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. THE ATTENDING STUDENTS WERE DISMISSED FOR THE DAY AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN A.M.

AT ELEVEN A.M. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NEGROES STARTED A MARCH LED BY RALPH ABERNATHY AND L.L. ANDERSON, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (SCLC), FROM AME ZION CHURCH, TOWARDS DOWNTOWN BUTLER, ALABAMA. THE GROUP WAS ARRESTED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE CHURCH AND CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS. ALL ADULTS, AFTER BEING PROCESSED BY ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, WILL BE CONFINED AT THE STATE PRISON, CAMP THOMASTON, ALABAMA, EXCEPT FOR ABERNATHY AND ANDERSON WHO ARE CONFINED AT THE CHOCTAW COUNTY JAIL, BUTLER, ALABAMA. THE JUVENILES ARRESTED WERE DETAINED AT A PARK NEAR THE AME CHURCH

AND BOND HAS BEEN SET FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THEY ARE TO BE RELEASED TO THEIR PARENTS. BOND HAS BEEN SET AT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ALL ADULTS INCLUDING ABERNATHY AND L.L. ANDERSON AND AS OF FIVE P.M. CDT BOND HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY ABERNATHY AND IT IS RUMORED THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY IN JAIL OVER NIGHT AND FAST.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE NEGRO GROUP AT SEVEN THIRTY P.M. INSTANT DATE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LISMAN, ALABAMA.

A BOMB THREAT WAS RECEIVED AT TEN ZERO FIVE A.M. THIS DATE AT BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BUTLER, ALABAMA, FROM A NEGRO FEMALE. [redacted] Referred [redacted] PAYTON HAS BEEN CHARGED BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH MAKING BOMB THREAT AND WILL BE RELEASED ON BOND LATER THIS DATE.

ANOTHER BOMB THREAT WAS RECEIVED BY CHOCTAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN FROM A NEGRO FEMALE INDICATING CHOCTAW COUNTY JAIL WOULD BE BOMBED.

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RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN, SEVENTY-ONE.

LHM ON THE BOMB THREAT AT THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU. LHM ON ARRESTS AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE AT BUTLER THIS DATE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS MADDOX AND MILLER ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THROUGH SCLC LEADERS ON THE SCENE AT BUTLER, ALABAMA, THEY LEARNED THAT MRS. CORETTA KING, BERNARD LEE AND JOE LOWRY, ALL SCLC, WILL ARRIVE BUTLER, ALABAMA, LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO MEET WITH RALPH ABERNATHY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS FURTHER ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE ARRANGED MEETING AT THREE P.M. ON SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN NEXT WITH RESPONSIBLE NEGRO AND WHITE LEADERS IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1654)(RUC)

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Special Agent conducting review of the above mentioned file was SA [redacted]

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Reverend Ralph Abernath is the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

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October 1,1971

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

RALPH ABERNATHY

The enclosed newspaper clipping speaks for itself! He surely does not act like the late Dr. Luther King did, in trying to win his way of thinking. Does not appear to be proper representation for a United States Citizen! Such actions closely border on Insurrection.
And, you will note he is visiting the Communist Nations!

Certainly NOT a desireable meeting for a Church! Too much Rabble Rousing!

To me, an Honorably Discharged Veteran of World War 1, having served in France, such actions are deplorable, and it would seem that such persons should be questioned thoroughly, and even their movements closely watched.

I know many U.S. Citizens feel as I do, and that is, that we are Glad and Appreciate All that you have done through these many years, as Director of the F.B.I.! Regardless of certain people who have spoken harsh of you.

Best wishes for your further work, along with Good Health!

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Tampa Tribune 9/29/71
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Abernathy, In East Berlin, Blasts U.S.

BERLIN (UPI)—The Rev. Ralph Abernathy turned a service in East Berlin's main church into a political rally last night, demanding the United States government free Angela Davis and "all political prisoners."

His 45-minute seremon, translated into German sentence-by-sentence, was interrupted by applause five times as he attacked policies of the U.S. government including its space exploration program and its involvement in Vietnam.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Abernathy received an ovation lasting several minutes. Men and women jamming the 14th-century Gothic church of St. Mary put aside their briefcases and shopping bags and clapped their hands or slapped their feet against the stone floor to express approval.

Abernathy arrived in East Berlin Monday from Russia on his way to Prague.

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Dear [redacted] b7c FRANCE

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Thank you for your letter of October 1st, with enclosure. It was thoughtful of you to write and I appreciate receiving your views. Your support is most encouraging to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-8433) (C)

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AT GREENVILLE, N. C.
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Secret Service and 111th Military Intelligence Group, Charlotte, N. C., advised: b7C

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Re Memphis letter to Bureau 11/17/71.

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Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original of the newspaper item set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of the above described letterhead memorandum.

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Memphis, Tennessee
December 20, 1971

RE: SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT BY
REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY,
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY,
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE,
DECEMBER 1, 1971

On December 8, 1971, a confidential source advised that the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had spoken on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 1, 1971. Reverend Abernathy's speech was sponsored by MTSU as part of its "Issues and Answers" program. This program brings several prominent speakers to the campus during the school year. &U

This source advised that the speech was attended by approximately 500 persons, equally divided between Negroes and caucasians. The speech was "non-inflammatory" and there were no incidents of any type on the campus in connection with this speaking engagement. &U

On December 7, 1971, the MTSU "Sidelines", campus newspaper of MTSU, carried the following article regarding Reverend Abernathy's speech:

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Abernathy enumerates crises, finds solution in voting power

By Becky Freeman
Managing Editor

Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference warned that this nation is in a civilizational crisis that threatens to destroy it.

Last Wednesday's speaker stated that the crisis will be resolved only through "the power of the ballot box."

Crises in government, the economy and educational institutions were cited by the civil rights leader.

Abernathy stated that the Vietnam war was unconstitutional and that the elected representatives of the people were in open contempt of the people for refusing to halt it themselves. He called upon the people to seize power democratically and non-violently in the 1972 elections rather than submit to an unresponsive government.

He further criticized the Nixon Administration for spending $92 billion to "hand out moon rocks to heads of state when they should have been in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiania and Tennessee handing out bread to hungry children."

Considering the economic situation, he stated that his nation which could "put a man on the moon can't stand a man on his feet in Tennessee."

Abernathy commented that he suspected that this university did not have a lot of black students or black faculty members.

Furthermore he stated that some universities are "still teaching the same lies they taught me 20 years ago." For example, he stated that last week he was present in a history classroom where it was still being taught that Columbus discovered America.

The Baptist minister stated that the problem of racism is still prevelant in American society. "The administration that stands for law and order is in flagrant violation of the law." he charged. He challenged the Nixon administrations enforcement of desegregation laws and the President's Supreme Court nominations.

He condemned government actions in Thomasville, Ga., where a white-controled school board closed black schools while keeping open white schools.

"The roots of racism are so deep in this country that I am fearful that it can not be destroyed." Abernathy further stated that, "racism must die if democracy is to live."

Abernathy noted that it was important to realize that the struggle is not between blacks and whites, but that blacks and whites must work together to achieve nonviolent change.

The black minister stated that the civil rights movement is changing tactics and strategies. Abernathy stated that the movement should now concentrate on

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Abernathy enumerates. . .

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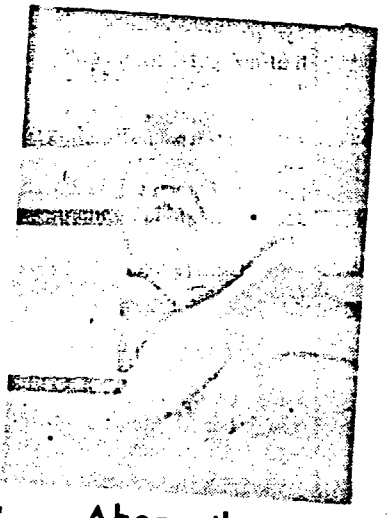
political organization to obtain power through the vote.

He then called for the defeat of the Nixon administration. Abernathy described the President as the Rutherford B. Hayes of the twentieth century, "because he had to make a deal with the South to be elected." Under Hayes administration the Ferguson Decision called for "seperate but equal facilities for blacks and whites," and the phasing out of black legislators from the South.



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RE: SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT BY REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, DECEMBER 1, 1971

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Memphis, Tennessee
December 20, 1971

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RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY. EXTREMIST MATTERS.

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BERNARD LEE IS AN AIDE AND TRAVELLING COMPANION TO ABERNATHY AND A STAFF MEMBER OF SCLC.

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ABERNATHY AND LEE WERE OBSERVED BOARDING DELTA FLIGHT NINE TWENTYTWO, ATLANTA, JAN. TWENTYSIX, SEVENTYTWO, BY SPECIAL AGENT. NEITHER APPEARED ILL OR IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706) DATE: 3/7/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1654) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
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Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta is one copy each of a booklet entitled "Every Cloud Has A Silver Lining" which has been printed and distributed by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic. GERMANY

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WFO is not retaining a copy of enclosed booklet and is conducting no additional investigation re captioned matter at the present time.

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Re: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
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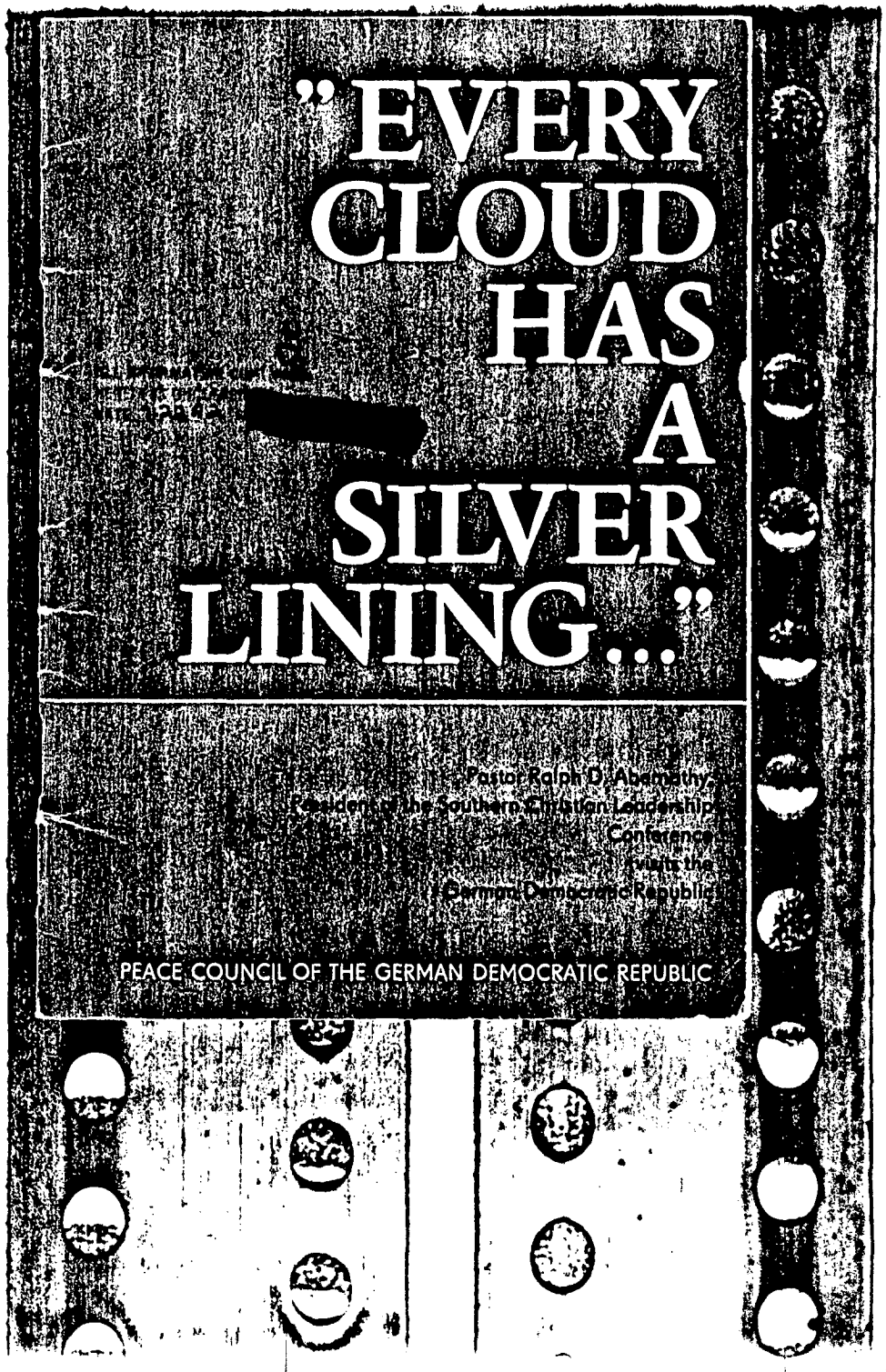
"EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING..."
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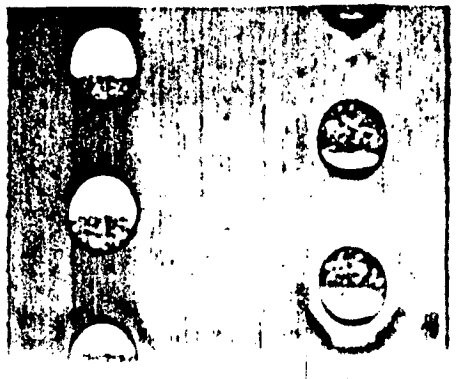

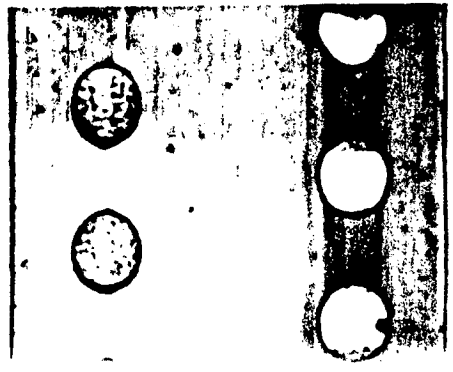

Pastor Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference visits the German Democratic Republic

September 27 – 29, 1971

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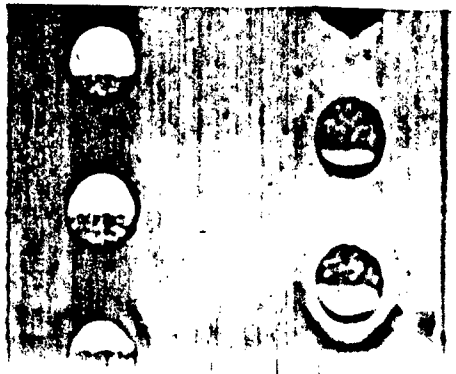

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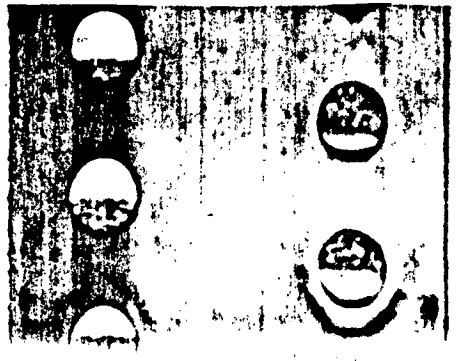
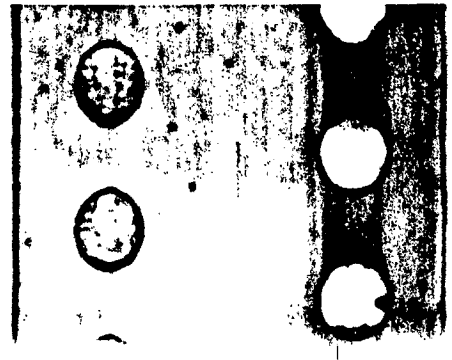
When Pastor Ralph David Abernathy emerged from the plane arriving from Moscow in the evening of September 27th, 1971 he was no stranger to the people of our country; they had followed with close attention and sympathy the various stages of his life of struggle and suffering in the ranks of the Afro-American civil rights movement. Thus the welcome extended to him by Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, by the light of the TV lamps shining on to the already dark landing-strip, came from the depths of his heart. With Dr Abernathy were his wife, his closest co-fighter Dr Wyatt T. Walker, press secretary of the Conference, pastor of a Baptist community of 1,000 in Harlem and also advisor on city and community questions to the Governor of New York State, and Dr Joseph E. Lowery, head of the Central United Methodist Church of the State of Georgia and pastor of a community of 2,000 mainly coloured people, and others.

The German Democratic Republic received the envoys of the 25 million black citizens of the United States, representatives of the real America of all colours with warm sympathy and friendship.

The daily newspapers of the five political parties extended brotherly greetings to the delegation and the entire GDR press joined in. "We welcome Dr Ralph Abernathy as the envoy of Angela Davis, his own and our black sister. Our hearts, our respect and our actions are with them and with all fellow-fighters," the Berlin evening paper wrote.

Free of racism, national arrogance and feelings of enmity towards other peoples, the radio, TV and press of the GDR have won the right to take this attitude towards the courageous Afro-American leader and champion of civil rights, for they have from the very beginning of the black liberation movement in the USA been on the side of the oppressed who are rising up and forming their ranks for struggle. Unlike "public opinion" in the





FRG, which is permeated by white arrogance and supports the misdeeds of the ruling circles in the USA, the clear statement of support for the Afro-American liberation struggle by all the governing forces of the GDR has never at any time faltered.

The GDR was on the side of Martin Luther King and Ralph Abernathy in the 1950's when they organised the historic boycott of the omnibuses of Birmingham against the authorities of the Ku-Klux-Klan state of Alabama—that powerful revolt against those who scorned human dignity.

Millions of citizens of our country followed with passionate interest the great liberty march from Selma to Montgomery and indignantly condemned the racist mob attacks on the peaceful, unarmed marchers.

When Dr King and Dr Abernathy marched to Washington at the head of a huge army of civil rights fighters, the call for liberty and human rights which rang out there was whole-heartedly supported here by a liberated population. The people of the GDR have always been on the side of the other America; they have never confused oppressors and oppressed.

When Martin Luther King, the great Afro-American hero of liberty and peace, was killed by a paid assassin as he stood on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4th, 1968 and sank into the arms of his best friend Ralph Abernathy, the horrifying news aroused deep sympathy, anger and indignation throughout the GDR.

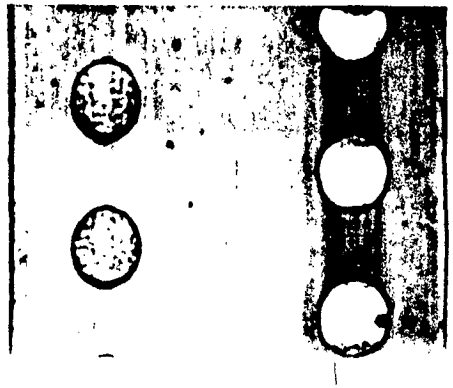
All the more attention was then directed to the man to whom the dying Nobel Prize-winner had called upon with his dying breath: "Ralph, you must lead my people across Jordan."

The mass media of the GDR has again and again reported news of the Baptist preacher of Atlanta, now 45 years old, who once abandoned a promising university career in order to devote all his powers to the civil rights movement. His determined and uncompromising championship of Angela Davis, the young black scientist and communist, has long been a model of courage, incorruptibility and loyalty to the people's cause for the

youth of the GDR and has been approved by young and old. Ralph Abernathy's mobilising speech—("I accuse the American system!")—delivered on February 2nd, 1971 at a meeting in honour of Angela Davis' birthday in the crowded Manhattan Centre in New York, his appearance at the General Assembly of the World Peace Council in Budapest, described as sensational in political circles in western countries, and his decision to visit Nixon's most prominent political prisoner in Marin County prison, aroused amongst the population of the GDR an increasingly strong wish to meet this important Afro-American politician face to face. The GDR Peace Council delegation at the Budapest meeting seized this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to the courageous civil rights champion.

Dr Abernathy was able to accept this invitation in autumn 1971, following a visit to the Soviet Union and before his attendance as guest of honour at the 4th All-Christian Peace Assembly in Prague. For two days, from September 27th to 29th, he was the guest of the GDR Peace Council and of the 17 million inhabitants of the socialist German state. The number of hours available would normally be too few to establish a cordial contact, but great experiences and deep impressions never to be forgotten can sometimes be compressed into a very short period of time.

This report includes the most important events and typical episodes which occurred during Ralph Abernathy's visit and mission of good will to the GDR.



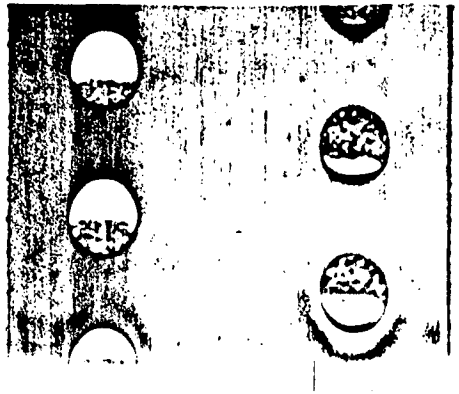
Meeting in the City Hall

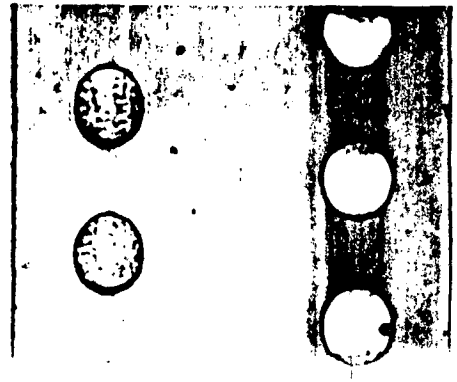
On the morning of September 28th, after a short visit to the newly-built city centre which has arisen out of the ruins of the war and the former dark, crowded slum area, Dr Abernathy and his friends entered the red-brick gates of Berlin's city hall, re-built as an exact replica of the old city hall. Lord Mayor Herbert Fechner accorded them a hearty welcome. He said in his short speech that it was an honour for all Berliners that such an outstanding Afro-American fighter for civil rights should visit their city hall. The population of the GDR stood firmly on the side of all the oppressed in the USA and sympothised with the upright champions who opposed racial hatred and discrimination. Ralph Abernathy was a splendid representative of these people.

"We know that we have good friends here in the GDR and that our friendship has become firmer," the President of the SCLC replied. He willingly complied with Herbert Fechner's request to sign his name in the Golden Book of the GDR capital, which already contains the names of many prominent contemporaries. The two shook hands with a cordial grip which expressed readiness and the determination to continue the fight against the common enemy in close alliance.

Visit to the Church League

Dr Abernathy was given a cordial welcome by Berlin Bishop Dr Albrecht Schönherr and other churchmen when he visited the seat of the League of Evangelical Churches in the GDR. Pastor Rolf Dammann, Secretary-General of the League of Evangelical-Free Church Communities (Baptists) in the GDR, was also present. Here, too, Pastor Abernathy sensed the same spirit of constant sympathy for Black America's struggle for freedom as thot prevailing throughout the GDR. Together with their fellow-clergy, Dr Abernathy and his friends recalled the letter recently written to him by Bishop Moritz Mitzenheim and other leading GDR theologians which was so thoroughly permeated by the idea of solidarity. They had expressed their thanks to Dr Abernathy for his decision to take up his stand for the prisoner of San Rafael in a letter re-printed in many newspapers. "For us Angela Davis has become a symbol of the world-wide struggle against raciol discrimination and imperialist oppression and exploitation," the letter said. "We are thankful thot more and more Christians are overcoming the dangerous mistake of anti-communism and fighting with others for a world of social justice and peace ... Please tell all our Christion brothers and sisters in the USA that we support their struggle against racial discrimination and fascist oppression."





Interview with "Neues Deutschland"

Before entering the university named after the great humanists Wilhelm and Alexander Humboldt in the early afternoon of September 28th, Ralph Abernathy gave a correspondent of "Neues Deutschland", leading GDR daily newspaper, an exclusive interview on problems of the struggle against imperialism in the USA.

"The white racists of the USA have never abandoned their intention to destroy me and all others who have stood up for justice and equality. I believe that this will remain their intention so long as the evil plague of racism—a part of the system of imperialism, colonialism and war—still exists on American soil", he said in the interview, which appeared the following day on the front page of the paper most read in the GDR and sent to sixty countries.

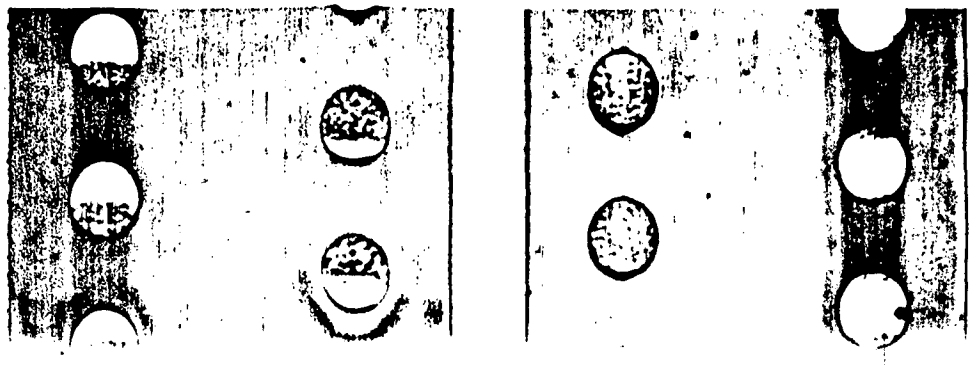
"In the American Declaration of Independence and in the Preamble to the Constitution Thomas Jefferson and the founders of the United States wrote nearly two hundred years ago that all men are equal and have been given the same rights by their Creator. America must hark back to the demands put forward at its own cradle. In our country people still preach democracy and at the same time deny the right to take part in democracy to the poor, the black and other minorities.

"Injustice must die if democracy is to live in the USA. This is the programme to which I have dedicated my whole life. For this I have been to prison thirty-one times, been beaten up and been the victim of brutal treatment. And the supporters of this system know that the main reason for putting me and my friends in prison is because we have not given in to their despicable practices. That is why we who want to make the American dream of the past come true for all men are cruelly persecuted."

Asked why he had joined the ranks of those defending Angela Davis, he replied: "Angela Davis is a symbol of what can happen to all black Americans and all men of good will in the USA if they champion the cause of the disinherited and oppressed. That is why it is our duty to defend Angela Davis. Anyone who does not raise his voice against her persecutors today must share the blame if the disgrace which the Germans brought upon themselves under Hitler is one day repeated in the USA.

"I join in the defence of Angela Davis because she is a genuine human being and I am convinced that she is being unjustly treated. My support of her rests on the fact that her fate can overtake every young Negro in America today. If her persecutors win, I and everyone else who has dared to protest against injustice will be the next to suffer.

"No, history must not be repeated. That is why I am doing my utmost to help defeat the forces of fascism in America."



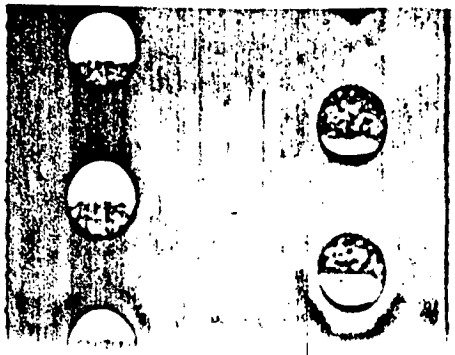
Amongst the Students

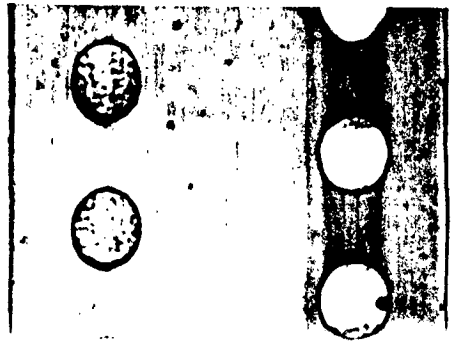
Leaving their car on Unter den Linden in front of Berlin's Humboldt University, Ralph Abernathy and his friends at once found themselves in the midst of an enthusiastic meeting even before the big demonstration of solidarity could begin in the Senate Hall. Together with the Chancellor, Professor of American Studies Dr Karl-Heinz Wirzberger, hundreds of students had gathered spontaneously to give them a rousing welcome. Songs of the other America ring out, students press red and white carnations into the guests' hands or raise aloft posters bearing the most popular slogans of our day: "Stop the war in Vietnam!" and "Release Angela Davis!" Ralph Abernathy and Joseph Lowery link arms with a student carrying the anti-war slogan.

When our Afro-American friends raise clenched fists in the militant greeting of the black liberation movement and make the V-sign, the sign of confidence in victory, enthusiasm spreads through the ranks of the GDR youth organisation in their blue shirts and blouses. American workers' songs, clapping and shouts of welcome accompany them to the Senate Hall.

Those assembled here understand the greatness and the future prospects of the other America. They see in Ralph Abernathy an envoy of the black people whose ancestors were abducted from the coasts of Africa more than four hundred years ago and brought to the "New World" in the dank galleys of slave ships. But they also see in him the representative of the Black America which sent fifty-four of its sons to join each of George Washington's battalions in the great war of liberation and fought in hundreds of thousands for freedom and human dignity under Lincoln, in the forces of a President who before being struck down by the enemy corresponded with Karl Marx and made one of the first communists, Joseph Weydemeyer, a General of the Army of the Northern States. These are facts which the anti-communists of modern America prefer to forget, along with the glorious traditions of the black citizens of their country.

Portrait photo: Pastor Dr Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)





Cordial welcome by Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, at Berlin-Schönefeld Central Airport

NEUES DEUTSCHLAND

Organ des Zentralkomitees der Sozialistischen Einheitspartei Deutschlands

Ralph Abernathy an Angelas Seite

Junge Welt

Vereinter Ruf nach Freiheit für Angela

Berliner Zeitung

R. Abernathy: »Eng verbunden mit der DDR«

National Zeitung

Ehrung für Pastor Abernathy

NEUE ZEIT

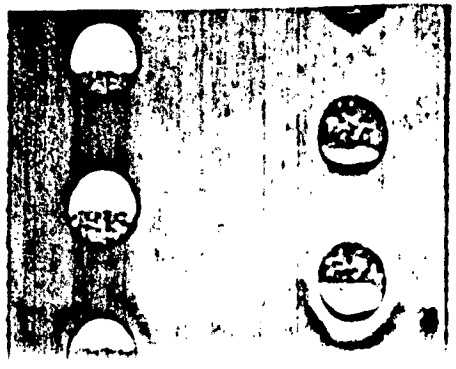
Echte Freunde in der DDR

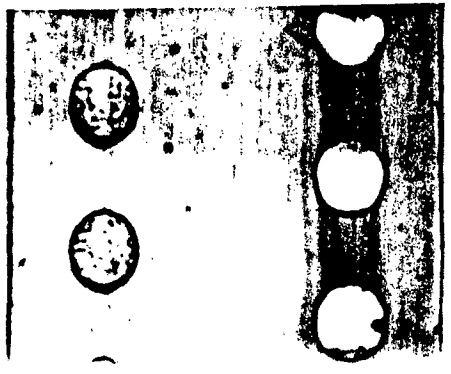
Reverend Ralph Abernathy besuchte Berliner OB

Der Kampf geht weiter

Reverend Abernathy beendete seinen Besuch in der DDR

GDR press headlines paying tribute to Ralph Abernathy as the courageous comrade-in-arms of Martin Luther King and firm defender of Angela Davis



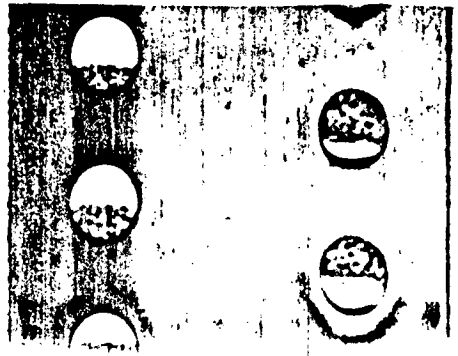


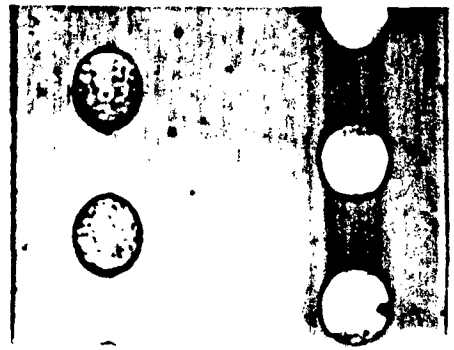
In the City Hall of the GDR capitol, "Berlin is proud of your visit," said Lord Mayor Herbert Fechner when he welcomed the American friends

Chancellor Professor Dr Wirzberger (first row right) extends a cordial welcome before the gates

Signing the Golden Book of the GDR capitol

Greeting with flowers before the gates of Humboldt University on Unter den Linden



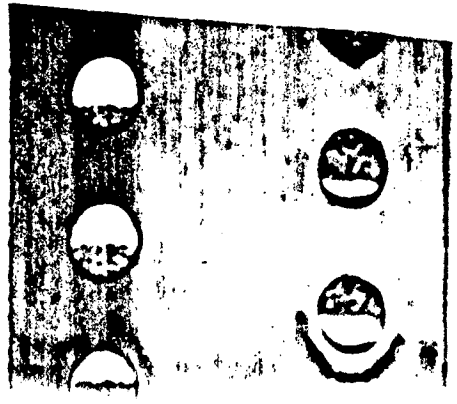


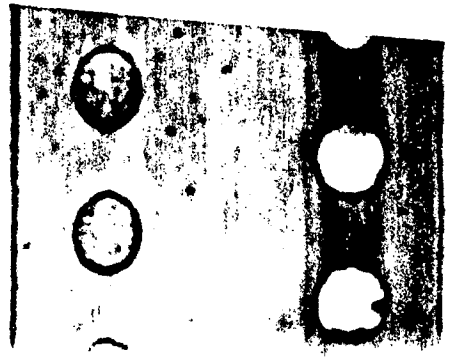
Speech delivered at the university at which Karl Marx once studied

In the crowded Senate Hall of the University

Ralph Abernathy responded to the ovations of students and scientists with clenched right hand and the V-sign of confidence in victory

Black hands spontaneously grasp white hands as the American mass song "We shall overcome", with its proclamation of longing for liberty and confidence in the future, rings out

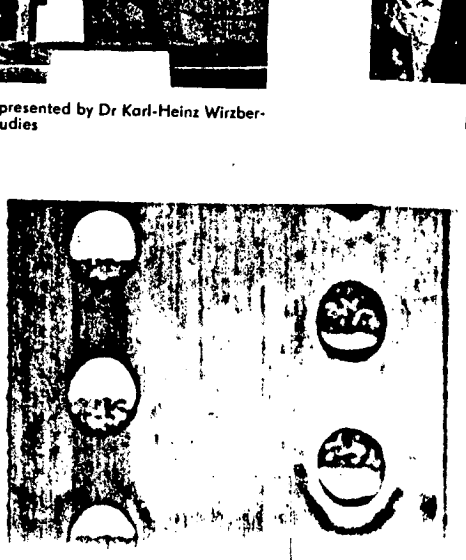


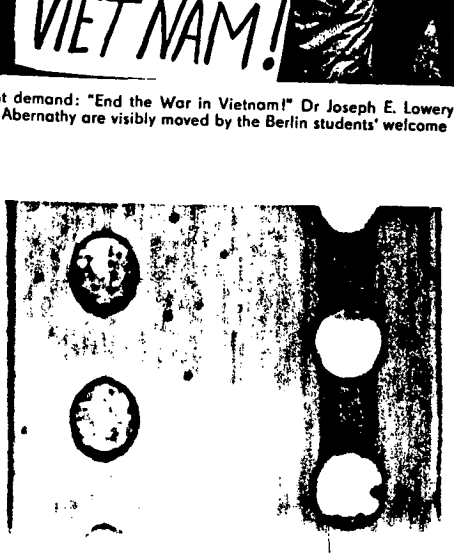


The badge of honour of Humboldt University presented by Dr Karl-Heinz Wirzberger, Chancellor and Professor of American Studies

A sign of friendship: Ralph Abernathy writes in the book of honour of Humboldt University

A joint demand: "End the War in Vietnam!" Dr Joseph E. Lowery (left) and Dr Ralph Abernathy are visibly moved by the Berlin students' welcome



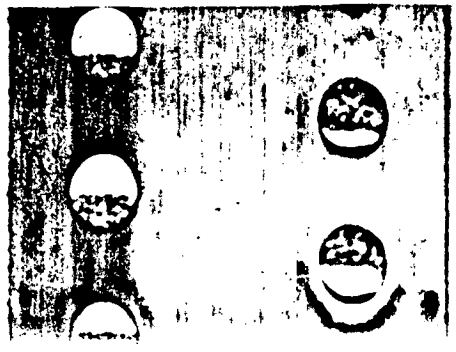


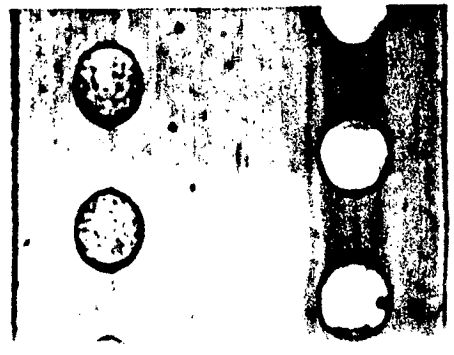
Martin Luther King, later murdered by racists, preached from this pulpit in September 1964

Pastor Ralph Abernathy and his wife with Bishop Albrecht Schönherr and Professor Dr Günther Drefahl (third and first from right) during the service

Service in the crowded Church of St Mary – the old main church in the new Berlin city centre

Festive dinner in honour of Dr Abernathy and his friends in the GDR Government Guest-House on Thälmann Platz. Senior Church Counsellor Dr Gerhard Lotz, Vice-President of the GDR Peoce Council, delivers the speech of welcome



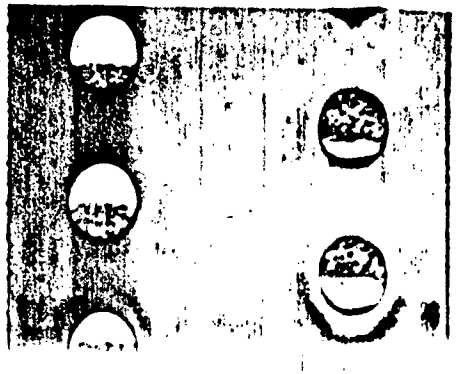


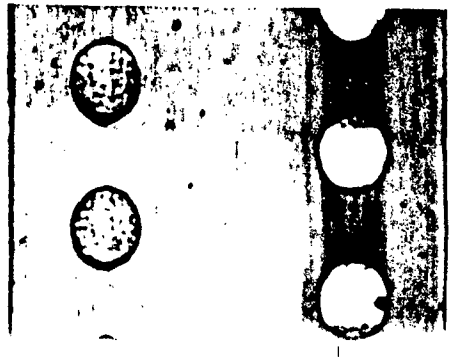
Ralph Abernathy conversing with Professor Albert Norden, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the SED and member of the Presidentiol Committee of the World Peace Council

Friendly meeting: Gerald Götting, Chairman of the Christian-Democratic Union and President of the GDR People's Chamber ond his deputy Wolfgang Heyl (left), receive the guests from America at Otto Nuschke House

The greot Afro-American people's leader receives the German Peace Medal from the hands of Professor Dr Drefahl

With prominent GDR Christians: Corl Ordnung, Regional Secretary of the Christian Peace Conference, Wyatt T. Walker of the Baptist Church of Harlem, Ralph D. Abernathy and Postor Rolf Dammonn, Secretary-General af the League of Evangelical-Free Church Communities (Baptists) in the GDR

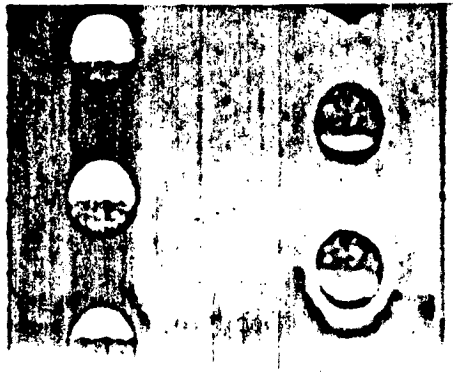


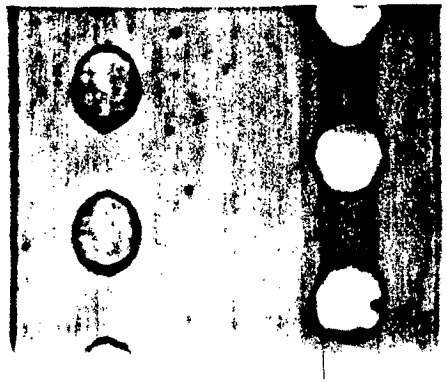


Press conference at the airport before departure from the GDR: Ralph Abernathy sums up two eventful days

"As pastor and theologian I am of the opinion that the GDR embodies what we aspire to in the world."

"I am already looking forward to my next visit to your Republic," says Ralph Abernathy to Werner Rümpel, Secretary-General of the GDR Peace Council (left), who together with other outstanding public figures paid a cordial farewell to the Afro-American guests on their departure for the 4th All-Christian Peace Assembly in Prague



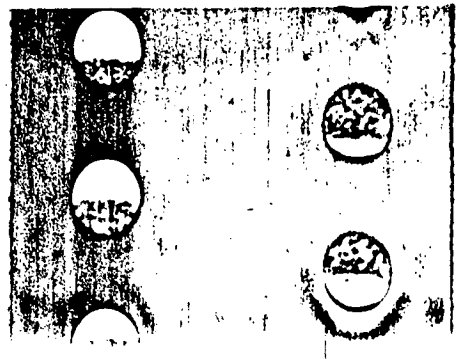


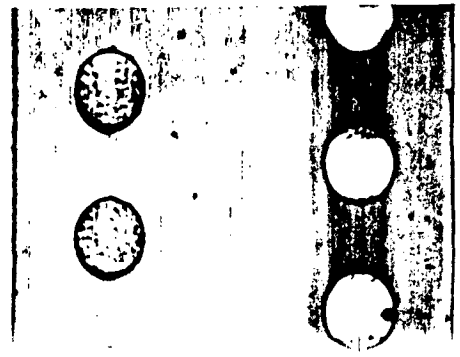
Only a few days after Ralph Abernathy's visit to the GDR the deep sympathy of the GDR citizens with the struggle against racialism and imperialist exploitation, for a peaceful world and justice was manifested at a powerful meeting in Frankfurt/Oder in which Fania Davis-Jordan, Angela's sister, took part

The Senate Hall is packed to the doors and every window-sill is crowded. In his welcoming address Professor Wirzberger recalls that two great Negro Americans—Paul Robeson and William DuBois—received honorary doctorates of Humboldt University in the same hall. Amidst bursts of applause, and with visible emotion, Ralph Abernathy addresses the academic youth of the GDR:

"The knowledge that so many young people are on our side gives me new hope and new courage in the conviction that we shall be victorious in our common struggle," he said. There was complete silence when he spoke of the bitter fote of Angela Davis. The thoughts of young and old, of grey-haired professors and first-year students, were at that moment with Angela Davis, the brave young communist in the power of an enemy prepared to go to any lengths.

Black and white hands were firmly clasped towards the end of the meeting when the American mass song—"We shall overcome"—rang out. Although ideologies may not always be the same, the readiness to line up as soldiers on one and the same front against imperialism is common to all.





Service in the Main Church

Although only a few hours remained to send out invitations to the service planned for the early evening at St Mary's Church, thousands turned up for it. Many of the Christians and non-Christians gathered here were also present on that memorable day in September 1964 when Martin Luther King, spending a few hours in the GDR capital, preached from the same pulpit as that from which Ralph Abernathy spoke. Their thoughts returned to the brief meeting with the man already destined to die by the American racists even before Bishop Schönherr recalled him in his words of greeting.

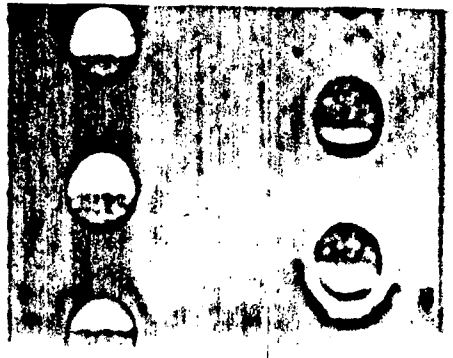
Martin Luther King had become a symbol of the struggle for the dignity of man, said the Bishop. But Ralph Abernathy now took over the pulpit from his teacher and friend who had died too soon—not only in the literal but also in a figurative sense. Dr Abernathy marched fearlessly along Martin Luther King's road. Bishop Schönherr paid express tribute to Dr Abernathy's persistent and courageous struggle for liberty for Angela Davis, communist and champion of civil rights. Christians in the GDR would not only continue to follow with sympathy the Black Americans' struggle against discrimination; they would also do their utmost to give them active support, the Bishop concluded.

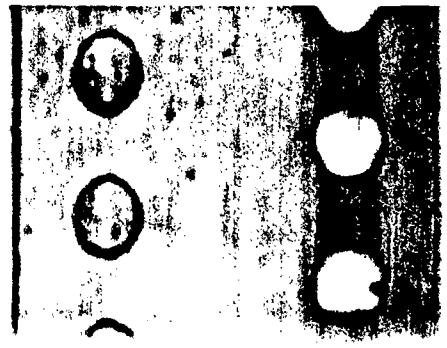
Pastor Abernathy spoke on the imperative message of the Gospel. He said that the warm reception and proofs of friendship which he had received in the GDR were a tremendous encouragement to carry on the struggle against racism and injustice with even greater devotion. He was against all unworldliness in theology and called for a gospel of action and not mere rhetoric. Preaching the Gospel to the poor also meant working out a programme of action to overcome poverty.

Referring to the double-tongued nature of official US politics, Dr Abernathy said that the USA liked to be called a "Christian nation" but that fewer than 10 per cent of the population controlled more than 90 per cent of the wealth of the nation, while one fifth of all US citizens—about forty million people—lived in desperate poverty.

In interpreting a Bible text, Dr Abernathy spoke about what could be called good news which fills mankind with joy: "If the USA withdrew its troops from Vietnam, if Angela Davis were free, if the 40 thousand million dollars spent on sending men to the moon were spent to help those discriminated against because of their race to win back their rights, if there were no more political prisoners in the USA and the black population received their rights—that would be really good news."

He was well aware that his critics and opponents at home were suspiciously watching what he did and said in Europe. He could only reply, with Martin Luther: "Here I stand, I can do no other, God help me!"





Reception in the Guest-House

The eventful first day spent by Pastor Ralph Abernathy and his friends in the GDR ended with a reception in the Government Guest-House on Thälmann-Platz given by the Peace Council. Here the American friends met outstanding representotives of the German workers' and formers' state: Professor Albert Norden, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the SED and prominent representative of the world peace movement, Gerald Götting, President of the People's Chamber of the GDR and Chairman of the Christian-Democratic Union, Dr Heinrich Töplitz, President of the Supreme Court of the GDR and Deputy Chairman of the Christian-Democratic Union; Professor Dr Günther Drefahl, President of the GDR Peace Council, Werner Kirchhoff, Vice-President of the National Council of the National Front, and other representatives of the academic world and of the women's and youth organisations. Also present were members of the five political parties in the GDR and of all the churches, including Bishop Albrecht Schönherr and Archbishop Leonti, Exarch of the Moscow Patriarch in Central Europe. Fritz Flint, Deputy Secretary of State for Church Affairs and member of the Christian-Democratic Union, also had a seat at the head of the gaily decorated table.

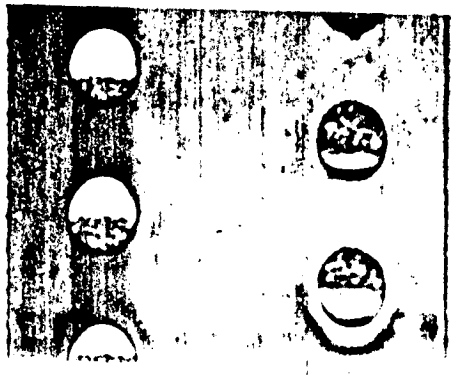
Senior Church Counsellor Dr Gerhard Lotz, Vice-President of the GDR Peace Council, welcomed the guests and introduced Professor Norden, who then welcomed them on behalf of the party of the communists of the GDR. He pointed out that the reception was being held in a building not many yards away from Hitler's Reich Chancellory, where the German fascists had once forged the racialist and aggressive plans which shocked the world and issued the orders to have these plans carried out. The GDR's readiness to support the civil rights movement in the USA was especially strong just because of the bitter experiences of racism under the Nazis in Germany. "We are against racism because it is a component of the war of aggression to which twenty million Soviet citizens, six million Poles and many other people fell victim up to 1945," he said. Referring to

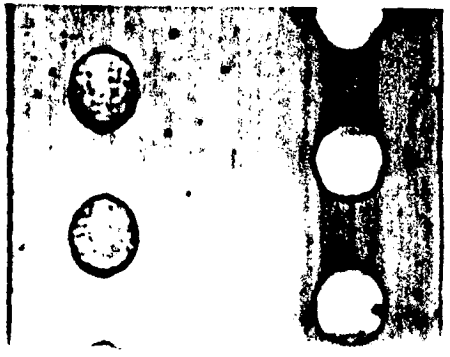
Europe, Professor Norden stressed that: "We champion European security so firmly today because we want to be assured that the present frontiers will remain, so that no new war—with its inevitable racist aims—can ever again break out over Europe and then, as we know from experience, spread thraughout the world. We are in favour of peaceful co-existence with the FRG, with West Berlin, with the USA. We want to be left in peace and to build up our state in peace. We are firmly on the side of the sons and daughters of the American civil rights movement," he went on. "Your efforts are also a help to us, for we know that this great movement to which people like you, Angela Davis and many others belong also helps us in our struggle. Our people in the GDR know very well who Dr Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy and Angela Davis are because we talk to everybody, from kindergarten to university, about your struggle."

To the accompaniment of applause from all present, he assured his friends and fellow-fighters against imperialism, racism and war: "We shall preserve the alliance with all those who are fighting with us for the same aims."

The member of the Political Bureau of the SED and the representative of the Afro-American popular movement, men of different backgrounds and different ideologies, who are nevertheless closely linked by a common loyalty to peace, liberty and human dignity, embraced cordially.

In the course of the evening Professor Dr Drefahl presented Ralph Abernathy with the German Peace Medal on behalf of the Presidium of the GDR Peace Council. Dr Abernathy was deeply moved and had to pause for a few moments before replying. "My heart is overflowing with joy," he began. "You have made me feel like a human being today. I myself live in a society which is always trying to make me believe that I am less than a man and not capable of doing anything good or useful. But from the day I became a man I have never ceased to fight for equality for the black population of the USA."





A Guest of the Christian-Democratic Union

The grandson of a plantation slave and son of poor parents who spent their entire lives in a society which oppressed them, he spoke very openly about the difficulties which confront every genuine son of the people in his struggle. He wos especially pleosed, he said, that his wife was able to live through these wonderful hours in the GDR with him. Sometimes, when he had to say goodbye to her to go to prison ogoin, she had asked him: "Why? Whot is the sense of a life like this, How long will I still have to be fother and mother of our four children?"

He, too, sometimes felt tired. At such times daubts crept in. "There hove been times when I wonted to give up, go off on a side-track, not keep stroight on. Times when I wos in donger of stumbling. Times when my strength seemed to dry up ond I thought everyone had olready forgotten us," Rolph Abernathy said.

In this threatening situation God had sent him on o trip to the Soviet Union, a trip which had also brought him to the GDR. And addressing himself quite personally to his friends in the socialist German state, he recalled an old saying often used in the American south: Every cloud has a silver lining . . .

"You in the GDR are now that silver lining for me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. So long as I have breath in my body I shall go on fighting against racism, imperiolism, war and poverty."

Referring to the high award he had received, he said: "There is one thing you must know. There will be dirt on this medal, for I shall wear it in prison and fighting on the streets. You can be sure af this, that I shall always be worthy of this honour and shall not disappoint you."

He closed his short speech with the words: "President Kennedy once said in West Berlin that he was a Berliner. I want to change that and say: I am a citizen of the German Democratic Republic!"

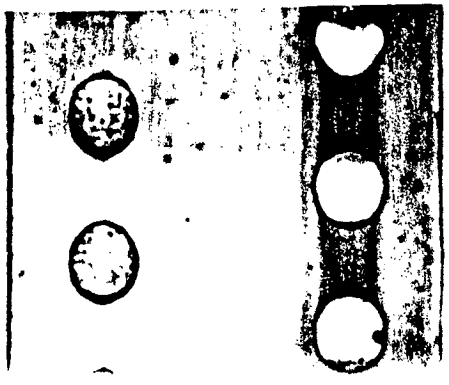
Ralph Abernathy had some business to attend to in West Berlin on the morning of September 29th and he asked the secretary of the Peace Committee there to accompany him. When he returned to the GDR capitol he visited Otto Nuschke House, the seat of the Christian-Democratic Union, eorly in the afternoan, on the invitotian of its chairman, Gerald Götting. They had on extremely friendly talk.

Gerald Götting told Dr Abernathy of the correspondence which he hod had for mony years with Martin Luther King and obout a personal meeting in Geneva. He recalled o letter written by the first SCLC President in May 1965. "Your support inspires me and all those who are pledged ta fight for humon rights. You con rest assured that your approval is of inestimable value in our struggle ond for our future success," Martin Luther King had written to Gerald Götting.

And in a letter of January 8th, 1968 there was the following moving passage: "Amidst the agonising, olmost doily criticism and insults your letter is like a reviving and refreshing spring of love and good will. This is surely the encouraging spirit we all need so much in order to corry on with our work."

Gerald Götting stressed his joy in making the acquaintance of the man who had taken over the testoment of Martin Luther King. Christians and Marxists and the entire population of our country felt closely linked up with him and his friends.

Dr Abernathy was deeply moved when he received from the hands of the Chairman of the CDU the first copy of a licensed edition of Coretta King's book—"My Life with Mortin Luther King"—printed by the CDU publishing house. Expressing his thanks for this valuable gift, he said: "Every minute of my stay in your wonderful country was filled with joy and valuable political experience. I go back to my country the richer for having learned to know and appreciate the German Democratic Republic."



Press Conference at the Airport

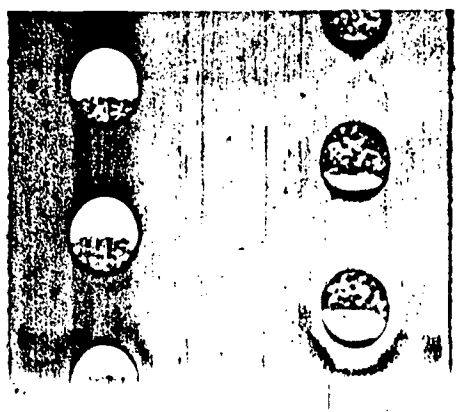
Two hours before his departure for Prague Ralph Abernathy gave journalists of the GDR press, radio and TV another opportunity to ask questions of him. Replying to a reporter who asked him what was the strongest impression he would take with him of the GDR, he replied: "For me the people of the GDR were my greatest experience. I have seen that they are happy and friendly to all progressive forces. I have found here no starving people and no super-rich people, but people who are enjoying the great blessings of their country. What we are still fighting for in the USA is what has already been achieved in the GDR. That is why I feel myself closely bound to the population of the GDR."

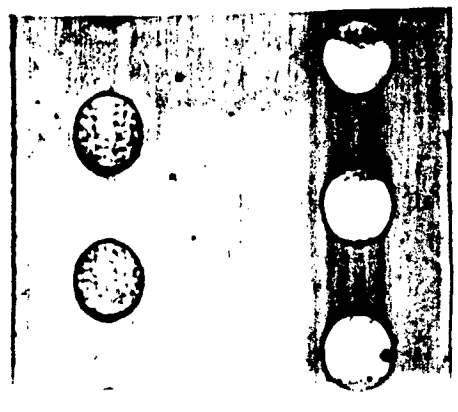
To an ADN (GDR news agency) correspondent he said: "From now on I am a part of the international movement for recognition of the GDR under international law. For the GDR is an historical fact. It is stupid of any country to try to ignore the GDR."

Asked what had happened when he visited West Berlin, Dr Abernathy replied: "Seven years ago, when I accompanied Dr Martin Luther King on his European tour, we stayed in West Berlin and Dr King paid a short visit from there to the GDR capital to preach in St Mary's Church." Much has changed since then. This time he and his friends had stayed in the GDR capital and paid a short visit to West Berlin. "I was homesick for the GDR after a few hours. There was too much there to remind me of America." West Berlin seemed quite different to him this time, he said. But this was obviously not because of the city itself, but because of himself. "It is I who have changed."

Dr Abernathy was surrounded by cameramen, press photographers and radio reporters right up to the last minute and the final leave-taking was without formality or polite conversation—a leave-taking between friends and comrades-in-arms. Two days are normally a very short time to make friends with a complete stranger, but Ralph Abernathy was no stronger to the GDR.

He takes more than recollections of friendship with him—much more. And he leaves much more behind him: a much stronger conviction amongst the population of the GDR that we must always give our support and solidarity to the America of the oppressed, who are protesting, rising up and fighting. The "Auf Wiedersehen" spoken at the gangway thus has literal meaning.





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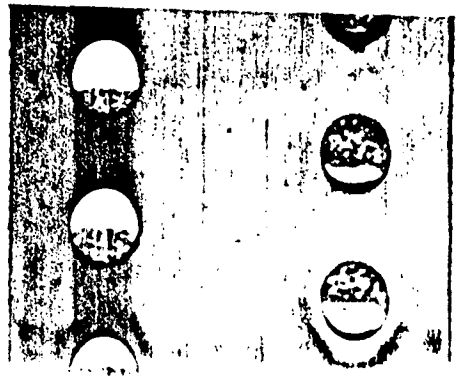

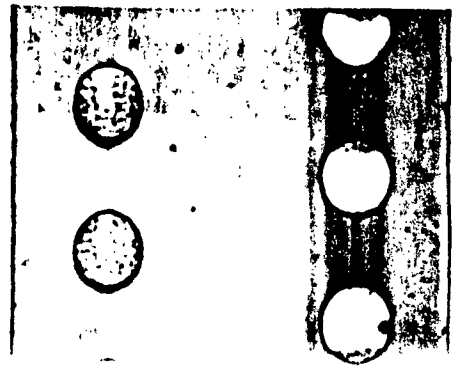

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The information regarding the anonymous telephone call was furnished the Buffalo Police Department and Secret Service. Buffalo Office is being instructed to make certain police appropriately notify Abernathy of threat.

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Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Dr. Abernathy Raps Nixon on Major Issues

The hard-hitting, politically active Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, Martin Luther King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, appealed here Thursday night to the nation's black and white voters to "drive the reactionary forces from the command posts of power in this country."

He ripped into President Richard Nixon's Administration, especially on the school busing issue. His responsive, racially mixed audience — nearly all of it college students — often applauded or answered "Right on!" as he spoke at D'Youville College in an Ethnic Week event sponsored by the Black Students' Assn.

Told of Threats

Dr. Abernathy said police met him at the plane, which was delayed more than three hours by bad weather, and told him there had been threats here against his life. He declared he was under police protection but added:

"I'm not scared by bullets. I don't have time to think about dying."

Dr. Abernathy then quoted the late Dr. King, with whom he was closely associated in the Montlater equal rights actions:

"If a man has nothing to die for, he has nothing to live for."

Offers Suggestions

Dr. Abernathy built his speech around defining and suggesting solutions for abuses he said are hurting the nation he loves. Amohg them, he listed:

Vietnam: "The President should end the war, not wind it down. More bombs have been dropped in Vietnam than in WW II and the Korean war combined. We must end all war."

— Too much military spending. "Let us stop building bombs and to start rebuilding our cities — Buffalo included." But too often, he warned, "urban renewal is urban removal of black people."

Educational System

—"An educational system that is irrelevant and dishonest." It fills jails with poor, young blacks but fills college campuses mostly with privileged whites, he complained. He said whites saw nothing wrong in busing their children many miles past delapidated black schools to superior facilities but now call it wrong to bus inner city blacks to superior schools in the suburbs. Dr. Abernathy accused President Nixon of trying to tamper with the courts, called this contrary to the American principle of separation of powers and warned that it's the road to dictatorship.

—Racism. "The responsibility to stop it begins with the President. We must stop trying to keep our children apart. The sooner we get together, the happier we will be . . . Whites must share power with blacks, women, the poor and the young."

'Secret Government'

—"Secret and unrepresentative government." "I'm tired of an illegal war opposed by the great majority of the people and tired of lies about Attica, Cambodia, Paris peace talks and shootings at Kent State and Jackson State Universities. We the people must use our influence for honest, open, representative government," Dr. Abernathy insisted.

He accused President Nixon of "trying to turn back the clock" in a way that endangers civil rights gains won by the Southern Leadership Christian Conference under Dr. King.

"I'm no separatist," Dr. Abernathy concluded. "I'm for integration. It's impossible to destroy black America without destroying white America. Black is beautiful, but so is white, and the most beautiful color in the world is black and white together."

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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Ralph David Abernathy can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

BPP.....Black Panther Party

PCPJ.....People's Coalition for Peace and Justice

PPC.....Poor People's Campaign

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Army Intelligence advised that a 1964 Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)(100-225892) letterhead bearing the address 38 Park Row, NYC, listed Ralph Abernathy as a member of the CORE Advisory Committee.

100-225892-1035 ep.3
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b7C [redacted] The Phoenix Office revealed that [redacted] was active in organizing persons from the Hopi and Zuni Indian Reservations to take part in the PPC at Albuquerque, New Mexico, during May 1968. At this time he was known to have been associated with Ralph Abernathy during fund raising efforts.

157-14592-7 p.5
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SECRET The following references pertain to the 5/1/69 edition of the newsletter "Issues and Action" published by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CALCAV)(105-170160). The newsletter stated that Rev. Ralph David Abernathy was one of the sponsors of the National Council to Repeal the Draft (NCRD), 201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., WDC. The NCRD had recently been formed to work for the complete and total abolition of the draft.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
105-170160-112 ep.3	(26)
-116 ep.3	(26)

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On 6/17/69 [redacted] NYC Transit Authority Police Department, Brooklyn, NY, furnished a combination diary and address book, which was the property of [redacted] This book was found on a BMT LL Train by Transit Authority Patrolman [redacted] Included in the address book part was the following: Ralph Abernathy, Private (404) 522-2494, SCLC - 522-1420. (No further details)

100-384411-319 p.2
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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-332485-51 ep.9(5/29/69 letter enclosed)	(4)
100-352389-132 ep.18(6/1/69 letter enclosed)	(4)

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SELECT The following references pertain to the participation of Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC head and a PPC leader, in the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) (62-111181) demonstration in San Francisco, California on 11/15/69. As of 4/14/69 Abernathy was co-chairman of the NMC. He spoke at the 11/15/69 rally held at the Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park. He criticized President Richard Nixon for failure to end US participation in the Vietnam War and for inattention to domestic problems.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
62-111181-2434 p.4 -2807 p.4 -3014 p.2; ep.2 -3336 p.2 -3352 p.1 -3368 p.2 -3523 ep.6,10,15 -3558 ep.36 -3896 p.18,42	[redacted]

67C [redacted] On 1/9/70 [redacted] advised that a rally* was held at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh in protest of the death sentence given Marie Hill, a young North Carolina Negro girl, following her conviction on a charge of murder. Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, was one of the speakers.

100-457531-2 p.5
(24)

*Probably in January 1970

Army Intelligence furnished a report dated 3/4/70 captioned American Servicemen's Union. Rev. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC, was listed as an initiating sponsor of the Emergency Conference Committee, 417 East 47th Street, Chicago, Ill.

14-2965-50-36 ep.63
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67D [redacted] On 3/4/70 [redacted] advised that an unidentified Indian was

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offering money in efforts to have someone kill Reverend Abernathy (Ralph). It was not anticipated that Abernathy would visit Seattle; however, his wife, Mrs. Abernathy, was expected to be in Seattle on or about 3/11 or 12/70.

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62-109119-2466 p.1; ep.1
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[redacted] Claremont College, Claremont, Calif., advised that John Radford Froines, a defendant in the Chicago conspiracy trial, spoke at the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont on 3/12/70. Froines spoke concerning the indictment against him, the charges and the trial. He stated that the testimony of Ralph Abernathy was irrelevant and immaterial (no further details).

176-1410-1480 ep.9
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The serial indicated that the above mentioned [redacted] may be identical with [redacted].

105-12869-206 p.1
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[redacted] advised that in December 1970, the headquarters of the Georgia Black Liberation Front (157-16918), formerly located at 570 Magnolia Street, had been closed for several months. The group occupied a building belonging to the Hunter Street Baptist Church which was pastored by Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President in Atlanta, but this house was razed on instructions from Abernathy in mid-September 1970, and the group was forced to abandon the building at that time.

157-16918-39 p.2
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67D [redacted] Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that on 9/28/70 Tim Butz [redacted] was a speaker in a memorial service honoring KSU's students shot in May 1970. Butz gave a brief speech advocating non-violent measures to end the war in Vietnam and then he and Ralph Abernathy led a march to Taylor Hall at KSU.

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100-461643-5 ep.3
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The following references pertain to Ralph David Abernathy and his association with Dom Helder Pessao Camara, Catholic Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, from 3/5/70 to approximately November 1970 in Brazil. Camara's diocesan bulletin contained a statement calling for a world-wide campaign to awaken the conscience of all the people of the world to the great human cost of poverty, racism and war. This statement, signed jointly by Camara and Abernathy, was not made public in Brazil but may have been published in Europe and possibly the US.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-445781-23 ep.2	(6)
109-12-205-3754 p.1; ep.1,2(Joint statement enclosed)	(26)
-3927 p.2	(26)

The following references pertain to the Movement Speakers Bureau (MSB) (100-454802) from approximately October 1969 to November 1970. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC Director and long-time civil rights activist, was listed in the MSB catalog and brochure as being available for speaking engagements through the MSB, NYC.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-454802-5 p.15,23	(7)
-6 p.7	(7)
100-461359-9 p.7	(8)

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[redacted] furnished a printed letter dated 12/23/70, from Paul H. Sherry, Editor, addressed to "Dear Friend with the Movement", prepared on the letterhead of the United Church Board For Homeland Ministries. This letter enclosed a flyer describing the November-December 1970 special issue of the "Journal", which included conversations with Ralph Abernathy concerning social change.

Copy of letter and flyer enclosed
105-184369-526 ep.11,12
(10)

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The 1/8/71 issue of the "Daytona Beach Morning Journal" carried an article captioned "Goals for Poverty War". Hosea Williams, SCLC National Program Director, had arrived the previous day with three other SCLC workers to wage what he termed a "nonviolent" war on poverty. One of the individuals arriving with Williams was the Reverend Bernard Lee, Executive Assistant to Doctor Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President.

157-17951-6 p.46
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Birmingham Office advised that the newly elected Negro officials were sworn in at the Greene County, Ala., Courthouse on 1/18/71 after a parade through downtown Eutaw. Speeches were given outside the courthouse and the principal speaker was Ralph Abernathy, SCLC.

44-43221-10 p.1,2
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The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President, in connection with the Commemoration of the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr., from approximately 4/4/69 - 4/3/71. Petitions urging Congress to pass a bill declaring January 15, King's birthday, a national and legal holiday were to be mailed to Abernathy for presentation to the President and Congress of the US. He was scheduled to meet with the Daytona Beach, Fla., Ministerial Committee to speak at one of the Daytona Beach Churches in connection with the commemoration of King's birthday and was also scheduled to speak in NYC at a demonstratic in connection with the anniversary death of King. On 1/15/71 Abernathy spoke at a WDC church eulogizing King and stated that Black people would take January 15 as a legal holiday regardless of the action of Congress.

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100-106670-3691 p.2

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-106670-3875 p.2	(4)
-3881 p.2	(4)
-3910 p.2	(4)
157-12709-499 ep.1	(21)
-670X p.1	(15)

The following references pertain to Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC leader, in connection with Student Agitation (62-112228) from 5/6/70 to approximately 4/16/71. Abernathy was scheduled to speak on "Black Rights" at the Colorado State University (CSU), to hold a press conference with the CSU campus newspaper concerning Cambodia, and to go to Gainesville in support of black students at the University of Florida. On 6/1/70 he spoke at an SCLC rally held at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Miss. Abernathy emphasized the non-violent stance of SCLC, which supported the rights of blacks in the Jackson black boycott and teachers' grievances and indicated he would leave Jackson on 6/2/70 for Atlanta, Ga. On 6/4/70 he arrived in Jackson from Atlanta and addressed a group of blacks who supported the boycott of white merchants. Later that day he spoke at an SCLC rally in Jackson regarding the "Road to Freedom". He departed Jackson on 6/5/70 en route to Atlanta.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
62-112228-13-97 p.9	(17)
62-112228-54-212 p.2	(3)
-213 ep.3,4,6	(3)
-218 p.2; ep.2-16 (copy of 6/1/70 speech enclosed)	(not indexed)
-219 ep.2,4,5	(not indexed)
-221 ep.1,5	(17)
62-112228-63-146 ep.10	(3)

The following references in the file captioned "Black Panther Party" pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy from approximately 5/1/69 to 4/21/71 in California, Illinois and Mississippi. Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate in BPP meetings, benefits and affairs and was arrested. He was a sponsor of the "Committee to Defend the Panthers" which was located in NYC. He delivered a eulogy

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at the funeral service for Fred Hampton, Illinois BPP Deputy Chairman, who was shot and killed. Abernathy was scheduled to participate at a teach-in at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, Canada.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
105-165706-1421 ep.12,16	(19,25)
-1755 p.1,2	(25)
-1832 p.1,2	(9)
105-165706-9-600 ep.3	(10)
-786 p.24	(10)
-1973 p.42	(25)
-2160 p.1	(10)
105-165706-19-169 ep.2	(10)
105-165706-26-1226 ep.1	(10)
105-165706-34-2661 p.1	(10)
105-165706-50-115 ep.2,3 (Arrested)	(10)
105-165706-84-766 p.1	(10)

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-361031-1266 p.2	(4,23)
-1268 ep.3,9	(4)
-1269 p.1,4,5; ep.1-4	(5,23)
-1271 p.3; ep.4,9,23-25,27,29,31,88, exhibit 76 p.1-4 (photographs and copy of 5/13/71 speech enclosed)	(5)

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100-361031-1282 p.1; ep.1,2 (5)

The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President and West Hunter Street Baptist Church pastor, in connection with the May Day Collective (MDC)(100-464219) and the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (100-459771) from 2/22/71 to 8/14/71 in Florida, Georgia, Nevada and WDC. The MDC of the PCPJ sent out mailings soliciting nationwide support for demonstrations planned for 5/1-5/71, WDC. One of the mailings was an undated flyer captioned "Declaration of War Against Repression-A Call to Action" by Abernathy and Dr. George A. Wiley, Executive Director, National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO). Abernathy advocated a war against repression which would begin with marches on State Capitols in support of demands of the NWRO for a guaranteed annual income as well as an end to political repression and war. He participated or was scheduled to participate in press conferences, meetings, rallies and affairs including the MDC Conference that was to be held in Abernathy's church in Atlanta, on 8/13-17/71. He spoke at the 8/13/71 session and stated he was on his way home from the SCLC Convention in New Orleans. On 8/14/71 Abernathy would not permit MDC to hold any further activities at his church apparently because of the large number of homosexuals attending.

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100-463195-50 ep.20,21 (flyer enclosed) (25)
-635 p.11,15 (8)
-982 p.2 (25)
-1046 ep.3 (9)
-1074 ep.6,22 (9)
-1082 ep.1,3,5,8 (9)

100-459771-253 ep.7 (7)
-263 ep.1,7,11 (7,25)
-370 ep.7,17,47,49-52,54 (7)

100-464219-1 ep.2,12,13 (flyer enclosed) (25)
-182 ep.41,42,44-46,48,52,57,76,88 (9)
-197 ep.3,4 (9)
-198 ep.1 (9)
-232 ep.5 (9)
-257 ep.12 (9)

157-12709-674 p.3; ep.1,5,12-14 (13,27)

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(C) On 9/22/71 [redacted] furnished a flyer entitled "Free Angela Davis*, Doc Bryant*, Ronald Williams* and All Political Prisoners!", which stated that Rev. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC leader, had spoken out publicly in support of Angela's right to bail and a fair trial.

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Flyer enclosed
100-463244-4 ep.5
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*Leaders of the Alabama Black Liberation Front

Chicago PD advised that the Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace (BEM)(100-448287) held a rally in Chicago, Ill., on 10/1/71. A BEM peace award was given to Rev. Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, at this rally.

100-448287-79 p.1
(6)

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67D> [redacted] furnished a copy of the 10/1-16/71 issue of the "New University Conference (62-112109) Newsletter". An article captioned "Briefly Noted", indicated that the Angela Davis Legal Defense Fund had issued a pamphlet on the case called "On Trial: Angela Davis or America?" The pamphlet contained items by Ralph Abernathy (no further details).

62-112109-401 ep.15
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67D> [redacted] furnished a copy of the November 1971 issue of "The Fiery Cross" (61-10406). This booklet carried an article captioned "Along The BLACK Front", which had a photograph of Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, SCLC President, and stated that during his tour to Russian religious sects, Abernathy told a Russian Orthodox congregation, "We are one people though we hold two different ideologies, thoughts and beliefs." He was in Russia at the invitation of officials of the Russian Orthodox Church to help promote "World Peace and understanding". Abernathy said the Russian citizens were friendly and cordial and many were committed to Christian principles in the Soviet Union.

61-10406-84 encl.#1 p.24 Photograph
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The 11/11/71 "San Francisco Examiner" carried an article captione "Searches Hit By Angela's Attorney". Ralph Abernathy of SCLC was among the spectators at Angela Davis' (100-439922) trial*on 11/11/71.

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100-439922-A (6) "San Francisco Examiner" 11/11/71

*Probably in California

The following references set out actual or potential meetings and affairs in which Ralph David Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate. Abernathy spoke at many of these meetings and acted in a leadership capacity. He also criticized the FBI.

DATE	PLACE	SPONSOR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLI PAGE NUMBE
6/26-30/69 (scheduled)	Atlanta	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	61-1538-917 ep.12	(8)
8/12/69 (scheduled)	Baltimore	National Organizing Committee of Hospital and Nursing Home Employees	100-442529-2895 ep.2, 3	(6)
8/26/69	Chicago	Illinois State AFL-CIO Convention	157-14481-27 ep.1	(13)
9/21-23/69	Oklahoma City	Coalition of Civic Leadership	157-15014-7 ep.1-4	(13)
10/15/69 10/15/69	Redlands, Calif. Los Angeles	Vietnam Moratorium Committee	100-454565-502X1 p.7, 17	(24)
10/23/69	Charleston, S.C.	National Council of Distributive Workers of America	100-442013-35 ep.2	(18)
12/8/69	Newton, Mass.	Cultural Committee of the Boston College Student Council	105-165706-5-210 ep.1, 2	(10)

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3/8-14/70	Decatur, Ill.	Millikin University campus organization For Soul Only	157-17231-1 ep.1	(14)
6/19/70 (scheduled)	WDC	BPP	105-165706-53-296 p.5	(19)
9/3-7/70	Atlanta	Congress of African Peoples	157-16554-61 ep.2 -73 ep.3 -167 p.1 -270 ep.2 -275 p.28, 29,46 -290 ep.3 -327 ep.35 -344 ep.5 -A "The Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution" 9/6/70	(27) (13) (13) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14) (14)
10/16-18/70 (scheduled)	Toronto, Can.	Vietnam Moratorium Committee	100-454565-1040 p.2	(32)
12/5/70	Georgetown, S.C.	AFL-CIO United Steel Workers Strike, Georgetown Steel Company	157-19522-15 p.1-3; ep.1,2	(22)
12/14-17/70	WDC	Black Caucus	157-20574-1 p.2,3	(15)
1/29-31/71	Daytona Beach	SCLC	157-20818-2 p.11,12	(15)
2/2/71	NYC	New York Committee To Free Angela Davis	100-461284-39 ep.2 -48 p.A, 20	(8) (8)
2/2/71 (scheduled)	Manhattan Center, NY	BPP, The Young Lords, New York Committee to Free Angela Davis, and leaders of the people's movements	100-439922-A "Daily World" 1/13/71 (newspaper photograph)	(6)

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DATE	PLACE	SPONSOR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
4/5/71	NYC SECRET	SCLC and National Welfare Rights Organization	157-12709-668 p.2-4	(13)
4/24/71	WDC	National Peace Action Coalition-PCPJ	100-460998-325 p.16 100-463195-672 p.1 (criticized FBI) -986 ep.4	(25) (25) (8)
4/24/71	WDC	PCPJ	100-448092-178 ep.8	(6)
5/2/71 (scheduled)	WDC	PCPJ	100-463195-949 p.4	(8)
5/2/71	WDC	People's Peace and PCPJ	100-463195-683 p.1	(8)
6/19/71	Cairo, Ill.	Cairo United Front	100-448092-420 ep.83	(6)
6/25/71 (scheduled)	Milwaukee	PCPJ	100-459771-559 p.1,2 -589 ep.2 -595 ep.7 -609 ep.17	(7) (7) (7) (7)
11/15/71 (scheduled)	Chicago	Coalition for United Community Action	157-14481-113 ep.2	(22)

The following references in the file captioned "Communist Infiltration of Southern Christian Leadership Conference" pertain to the SCLC civil rights activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President and pastor of the Atlanta West Hunter Street Baptist Church, from approximately April 1968 - December 1971. These activities took place in numerous cities throughout the US, East Germany, Hungary and Sweden. Abernathy was the late Martin Luther King's successor as SCLC President and struggled to carry out King's ideals. Because of lack of confidence in his own abilities and the fact that he and the SCLC Executive Vice President did not have confidence in each other, the SCLC administration was jeopardized. Abernathy participated at meetings and affairs including the PPC in WDC, which led to his arrest, the World Peace Assembly in Budapest and national religious conventions. He spoke at the Senate Hall of Humboldt University in Germany, visited Berlin's Lord Mayor Herbert

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Fechner, and was awarded the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award. According to a German publication Abernathy was imprisoned 31 times in the US. In September 1971 he was en route to Russia for a speaking tour and on his return to the US he was to stop in Prague, Czechoslovakia to address the All-Christian Peace Assembly.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-438794-2698 ep.1,2	(23)
-2709 p.1; ep.1,2	17
-2715 ep.1-3	17
-2726 p.1; ep.1	17
-2739 ep.1	17
-2792 p.1,4,12,14,16,17,19-26	17
-2795	17
-2812 ep.1,2	17
-2815 ep.1,7-11	17
-2816 ep.1	17
-2822 ep.1	17
-2823 ep.1-3	17
-2830 p.1	17
-2835 ep.1,2	17
-2844 ep.1	17
-2858 ep.1	24
-2860 ep.1	17
-2864 ep.1	18
-2877 p.1; ep.1,2	18
-2878 ep.1-7 (arrested 6/23 or 24/69, WDC)	(18)
-2880 ep.2	(18)
-2891 ep.1	18
-2924 p.1,4,5,11-16,18-20,22,24,25	(18,24)
-2953 ep.1	18
-2961 p.2	18
-2980 ep.4-6	24
-2983 ep.1-3	24
-3014 ep.1	24
-3027 ep.1	18
-3059 ep.1,2	24
-3065 p.1,2	24
-3067 p.2	24
-3071	18
-3076 p.2	24
-3096 p.1,2,9,11-14,16-19,25,26	(5,18,24,30)
-3113 ep.1-3	5
-3116 ep.2	5
-3121 p.1,2	6
-3122	(6)

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REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-438794-3131 p.1; ep.1,2 Photograph	(6,16)
-A "The Independent American" March-April, 1971	(24)
-A "Washington Daily News" 9/20/71	(6)
-A "San Francisco Examiner" 9/1[illegible]	(6)

The following references pertain to the activities of Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC President, in connection with civil rights and racial matters from 11/26/68 to approximately 1/20/72 in various cities throughout the US and Canada. Abernathy participated or was scheduled to participate at numerous meetings, rallies and affairs including the PPC in WDC, the Save Marie Hill Day Demonstrations in North Carolina, the Second Annual National Survival Day in Cairo, Ill., and the National Welfare Rights Organization demonstrations. He acted in a leadership capacity and spoke at the majority of these affairs. A number of these activities led to Abernathy's arrests. He held press conferences and in one instance called for the discharge of a North Carolina Highway Patrolman who killed a Negro who had attempted to escape custody and was killed in the ensuing struggle. Abernathy spoke regarding Black voter registration sponsored and endorsed a march and convention and participated in rallies and marches in support of strikes, pickets and desegregation of public schools. He spoke at the Black Caucus of the White House Conference on Children in WDC. Abernathy criticized the FBI and US participation in the UN and Vietnam.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-2349 p.1,3	(19)
-2937 ep.1	(11)
157-6-2-2713 p.1; ep.1,2 (criticism of FBI)	(26)
-2720 ep.3	(11)
-2727 ep.2,3	(19)
-2742 ep.2	(19)
-3051 ep.2	(11)
157-6-4-3054 p.1	(26)
-3057 ep.1	(19)
157-6-8-3941 p.1,2; ep.1,2	(26)
-3975 p.1,2; ep.1,2	(11,26)
-3982 p.2; ep.1	(11)

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157-6-28-1636 p.2; ep.2-4(arrested Memphis, 12/18/69)	(11,19)
-1664 ep.9,11	(26)
157-6-29-2076 p.2	(11)
157-6-32-1172 p.1; ep.1	(11)
-1199 p.3; ep.3	(11)
-1223 p.2	(11)
157-6-35-644 p.1,2; ep.1	(11)
-646 ep.1-3	(11)
157-6-49-2916 ep.1	(12)
-2929 p.1; ep.1	(12)
-2933 ep.1,2	(12)
-3083 ep.8-10	(12,19)
-3095 ep.10	(12)
157-6-53-2052 ep.1,2	(12)
157-6-54-3432 ep.24	(20)
-3450 ep.5,9	(20)
-3462 p.1,2	(12)
157-6-56-692 p.1; ep.2,5	(20)
157-6-61-1993 p.1	(12)
157-6-63-2295 ep.1,2	(12)
-2311 p.2	(12)
157-6-64-2206 p.1	(12)
-2714 p.1	(12)
157-6-66-676 ep.1,2,4,5	(20)
-681 ep.2	(20)
-686 p.2; ep.2,3(arrested Charleston, S.C., 6/20/69)	(20)
-687 p.1(arrested Charleston, 6/20/69)	(20)
-695 ep.3(arrested Charleston, 6/20/69)	(20)
-727 ep.2	(20)
-789 ep.1,2	(20)
-817 ep.9	(20)

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157-2789-149 p.1	(12)
157-8428-3098 ep.2-6	(20)
-3114 p.1,2	(26)
-3127 p.3,4	(26)
-3132 ep.1	(20)
-3136 ep.2	(26)
-3138 ep.3	(27)
157-8813-220 ep.2,4,8	(13)
-224 ep.1	(27)
-246 p.2	(13)
157-9079-1323 ep.48	(13)
157-9432-3 ep.3,4	(27)
157-12275-8 ep.4	(13)
157-12709-660 p.1,2	(13)
157-13569-28 ep.1-4	(21)
-39 p.1,2 (arrested Charleston, S.C., 6/21/69)	(21)
-61 ep.2	(21)
-72 ep.2,3	(27)
-75 ep.3	(21)
-76 ep.2	(21)
-77 ep.2	(21)
-79 ep.2	(21)
-85 ep.1,2	(21)
-90 ep.3	(21)
-94 ep.3	(21)
-102 ep.2	(21)
157-14747-22 ep.1	(13)
157-15689-15 ep.6,7	(27)
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The following references pertain to publications which contain information regarding Ralph Abernathy, SCLC President, from 7/17/70 to 1/23/72 in WDC and Soviet Union. Abernathy participated in an anti-war campaign in WDC, went on a week-long lecture tour of the Soviet Union, pledged his support to a programme proposed by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and co-sponsored a protest contempt by the British Government for the Irish People in New York. He spoke against racism, imperialism, poverty, injustice, the war in Southeast Asia and in defense of communist Angela Davis.

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5/1-3/70	New Haven	Committee to Defend the Panther 21	105-165706-32-1179 p.6, 7	(10)
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6/26-27/71	WDC	Congress of African Peoples	157-16554-34-15 ep.2 157-16554-53-22 ep.10	(14) (14)
latter part of 1971	Bologna, Italy	International Conference for Peace and Justice in the Middle East	100-449054-25 ep.1	(7)
during fall and winter of 1971 and 1972	Columbus, Ohio	Afro-Am (157-16949)	157-16949-12 ep.11	(14)

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-2037) (P)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION OF CITY SANITATION WORKERS, CHARLESTON, W. VA., 10/16/72
CIVIL UNREST

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Re Pittsburgh teletype dated 10/16/72, and Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau dated 10/17/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM and for Atlanta 2 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

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AT CHARLESTON, W. VA. (KANAWHA COUNTY)

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 17, 1972

DEMONSTRATION OF CITY SANITATION WORKERS, CHARLESTON, W. VA., OCTOBER 16, 1972

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On October 16, 1972, [redacted] Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Resident Agency, Charleston, W. Va., that he had received information that approximately 50 Negro and white City Sanitation workers planned to demonstrate at the City Council meeting to be held on October 16, 1972, at 8:00 PM, in the City Hall. [redacted] stated the strikers reportedly planned a sit-in at the meeting of the City Council. The strikers are to appear at the City Council meeting in connection with a ten-week old strike by Sanitation Workers of the City of Charleston during which time 52 of the approximately 150 workers who originally went out on strike have been fired by the City Administration and will not be rehired. [redacted] stated the strikers originally walked off their jobs in a dispute with the City Administration in which the strikers demanded recognition of their union, The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local #1548, and the demand that a grievance procedure be established. Mayor John Hutchinson stated the strike was illegal under the laws of the State of West Virginia which forbids striking by public employees. Mayor Hutchinson refused to meet the demands of the strikers.

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On September 27, 1972, Kanawha County Circuit Judge Frank L. Taylor, Charleston, W. Va., declared the strike to be illegal and enjoined the strikers from striking and from

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picketing City Hall or any other city buildings or functions. The union stated Judge Taylor's injunction would be obeyed and most of the workers returned to work. The City Administration fired 52 of the strikers for alleged misconduct and criminal acts during the strike and would not rehire these individuals.

On October 15, 1972, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), arrived in Charleston, W. Va., and spoke to a group of approximately 300 persons at the First Baptist Church, Charleston, W. Va., and spoke in support of the sanitation workers. During his remarks to the people assembled at the church, Reverend Abernathy reportedly stated, "The only way we're going to win this strike is to shake the very foundation of this town. The SCLC must send staff members here to Charleston to organize and we must move in powerful non-violent demonstrations." Abernathy reportedly stated the recent court injunctions against the strikers would no longer be obeyed. He stated, "These are our First Amendment rights. It guarantees our right to orderly protest and we're going to picket that city dump and we're going to picket city hall." Abernathy also reportedly stated, "All I've got to do is send out the call and we can get some professional agitators in here and we've got some professional agitators from way back." Abernathy indicated he was leaving for Mississippi the following day but would return to Charleston within a few days. Abernathy also reportedly stated, "My new strategy for Charleston is to put up or shut up." He stated he would ask Governor Arch Moore, Governor of West Virginia, to intercede in the strike "or else he will see his capital city thrown into turmoil."

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67D On October 16, 1972, [redacted] stated no violence or sit-in occurred at the City Council meeting on October 16, 1972. Approximately 200 individuals attended the Council meeting in support of the 52 fired sanitation workers. A resolution presented by members of theCity Council to rehire the fired workers was tabled by City Council. After the resolution was tabled, the Reverend Ronald English, Pastor

of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, W. Va., was given the floor to present a resolution pledging continued support to the fired strikers. In his resolution, Reverend English resolved to exercise "freedom of speech, press and assembly, picket and conduct economic blackouts, and use every peaceful means to replace the cruel mockery of political patronage with the true operation of human dignity in the City of Charleston."

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10/27/72

FROM : LEGAT, CARACAS (100-22) (RUC)

SUBJECT: REVERAND RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1972

REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY

The October 20, 1972, issue of "Tribuna Popular," official newspaper of the Communist Party of Venezuela (Partido Comunista Venezolano) (PCV), published daily in Caracas, Venezuela, reported an interview with PCV leader Dr. Ricardo Molina Marti, upon his return to Caracas after having attended the World Peace Conference in Santiago, Chile, October 4 - 9, 1972. C.P. Member Venezuela

In the course of the interview, Dr. Molina Marti disclosed that the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, prominent leader of the Negro civil rights movement in the United States, had been present in Santiago as a delegate to the convention.

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Ukrainian Activities in the
New York Division

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 13, 1972, that the Committee for Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners (CDSPP) was formed in January, 1972, to protest the January 12 and 13, 1972, arrests in the Ukraine of 19 Ukrainian intellectuals by the KGB (Committee of State Security), the Soviet security police.

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According to [redacted] the CDSPP was formed mainly through the efforts of a small group of Ukrainian emigre students, from the Ukrainian Student Organization (USO) in New York City (NYC), led by Yarko Koshiv and Roman Kupchinsky.

On January 15, 1970, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the USO maintained its headquarters at the Ukrainian National Home, 140 Second Avenue, New York, New York (NY, NY). According to [redacted] the USO had existed in NYC a number of years previously and had died out due to lack of interest, but in 1966 or 1967, the USO had been revived by a group of students from New York University (NYU) and Columbia University for the purpose of affording students

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a service organization which would assist them in their educational pursuits, as well as perform services and engage in projects believed by them to be beneficial to the Ukrainian community at large. [redacted] indicated that the USO had no political function and then numbered about 150 members who attended various universities in the NY area.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442706)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-257)

SUBJECT: RALPH D. ABERNATHY
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OO: ATLANTA
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BLACK LIBERATION ARMY
EM - UGW
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Re New York airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/29/73, captioned "BLACK LIBERATION ARMY, EM - URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE".

ABERNATHY would be Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, known as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), headquartered at 330 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
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1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

DATE: 11/7/75

FROM : [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE BY JACK ANDERSON AND LES WHITTEN
CONCERNING RALPH D. ABERNATHY
EM - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

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Purpose of this memorandum is to set forth detailed analysis of news article critical of former FBI investigation of subject (see copy of article attached).

SYNOPSIS:

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"The Washington Post" on 11/4/75 carried an article by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten captioned "FBI Spied on Dr. King's Successor." The article states that associates of deceased SCLC President Martin Luther King, Jr., have complained that subject, King's successor, was kept under intensive FBI surveillance. The article alleges that from secret FBI files Anderson and Whitten had confirmed that Bureau Agents have a record of the most intimate details of Abernathy's life. It states areas of information developed through our investigation included the following: knowledge of his finances; his health, including medication he takes morning and evening; his psychological profile; copies of his hotel bills; transcripts of his speeches; an account of his traffic violations; information obtained from the Passport Office of the United States Department of State and credit information.

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The article claims one Bureau memorandum stamped "Confidential" reveals details of a squabble Abernathy had on 2/5/70 with his subordinates following which Abernathy discussed the incident with his wife. Their conversation, per the news article is outlined in detail. Abernathy on being shown the file, reportedly recalled the conversation with his wife and the fact it occurred in the privacy of his bedroom. Abernathy allegedly claimed "They had to be bugging me."

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The article points out a Bureau spokesman has categorically denied that Agents ever used electronic surveillance against Abernathy, despite the fact his file includes other references of conversations between Abernathy and his wife

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which are attributed to "confidential sources who furnished reliable information in the past."

The article alleges the Bureau, under former Director J. Edgar Hoover was almost paranoiac about black leaders. It indicates Anderson and Whitten have had access to other "secret dossiers" on such prominent black leaders and prominent persons as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis, Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta King, Muhammad Ali, Harry Belafonte, Dick Gregory and Eartha Kitt. The article further states the writers have seen dozens of "dossiers" on black leaders whose only crime is voicing the tribulations of black people who have done nothing more than organize their ranks and who are guilty only of peacefully petitioning their government in redress of grievances.

Detailed responses to each point as revealed by our files are set forth in the following Details:

OBSERVATIONS:

Each item referred to by Anderson and Whitten as it pertains to Abernathy is based on information contained in our files with the exception of Abernathy's allegation that he was the subject of electronic surveillance by this Bureau. A review of Bureau files indicates Abernathy was never the target of an electronic surveillance, however, as result of his activities and association with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC, which were targets of duly authorized electronic surveillances, he was overheard on numerous occasions on these technical surveillances. These technical surveillances were deemed necessary and resulted in development of positive information concerning communist influences on King and the SCLC.

ACTION:

For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Article by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten
Concerning Ralph D. Abernathy

DETAILS:

The 11/4/75 issue of "The Washington Post" carried an article by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten captioned "FBI Spied on Dr. King's Successor."

Anderson Allegation

The article claims associates of the late Martin Luther King have complained that King's successor, Rev. Ralph Abernathy was kept under intensive FBI surveillance.

Bureau files

Abernathy was never subject of active Bureau investigation until he assumed the Presidency of the SCLC organization headquartered at Atlanta, Georgia, following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in April, 1968. However, as a result of our investigations of King and the SCLC we did develop information concerning Abernathy's activities prior to the time active investigation was instituted.*

Anderson Allegation

The article claims the Bureau's investigation of Abernathy developed information on the most intimate details of his life including knowledge of his finances; his health including medications he takes morning and evening; his psychological profile; transcripts of his speeches; an account of his traffic violations; passport data; credit information; an account of a 2/5/70 squabble between Abernathy and his subordinates including a later discussion of that incident with his wife which when shown to Abernathy lead to his allegation "They had to be bugging me."

Bureau files

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*Atlanta Division advised this investigation was closed 8/21/74.

Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Article by Jack Anderson and Les Whitten
Concerning Ralph D. Abernathy

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Abernathy's file does not contain a psychological profile as such. However, we did develop information in approximately mid 1969 indicating Abernathy was suffering from an inferiority complex which affected his judgment and caused him to make poor decisions. It was reported that Abernathy's emotional problems were taking the form of "egomania" and that two of his associates were of the opinion Abernathy should seek assistance from a psychiatrist to determine if his neuroses were deteriorating into a psychosis. This information was

b2 reported by [redacted] a technical surveillance on Stanley Levison, an SCLC adviser with known CPUSA connections and activity.

FBIHQ's file on Abernathy contains no copies of hotel bills he incurred.

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Our files also include information developed as result of our coverage of public appearances by Abernathy and in some cases verbatim transcripts of speeches he made on these occasions as obtained through live sources, informants and the news media.

Our investigation of Abernathy also developed information concerning three traffic violations incurred in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963 and 1964. This information was developed through contacts with established sources.

We also developed passport information concerning applications of Abernathy as a result of his travel abroad on a number of occasions.

As noted above under the caption "OBSERVATIONS," Abernathy was never the subject of a technical surveillance. It is also indicated that our technical coverage of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the SCLC did result in numerous overhearings of Abernathy during the period of those technical surveillances. Bureau files indicate our technical surveillance coverage of King was operational for various periods of time from November, 1963, through November, 1965. Our technical coverage of the SCLC was operational for various periods of time from October, 1963, to July, 1964. It is, therefore, obvious Abernathy's statement that our obtaining of information concerning his squabble with his subordinates and discussion of the incident with his wife on 2/5/70 could not have resulted from such coverage. Atlanta Division's LHM dated 2/16/70 dual captioned "Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Racial Matter; Internal Security-C; Ralph D. Abernathy Racial Matter" sets forth information

[redacted]

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Details of the above incident are also set forth in Atlanta report dated 3/3/70 in the Abernathy case. For information it should be noted Atlanta's LHM was disseminated at FBIHQ to

the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, United States Army, Office of Special Investigations, Secret Service, Internal Security and Civil Rights Divisions of the Department of Justice and the Interdepartmental Information Unit of the Department. No local dissemination was made by the Atlanta Division. Atlanta's report containing this information was given identical dissemination at FBIHQ and in addition was disseminated by the Atlanta office to the Naval Intelligence Service, Charleston, South Carolina, 111th Military Intelligence Group, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, and Secret Service.

Anderson Allegation

The article states that under former Director J. Edgar Hoover the Bureau was almost paranoiac about black leaders. It alleges access to other "secret dossiers" on such prominent black leaders as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis, and Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta King. It also makes reference to such dossiers being kept on black artists, entertainers and sports figures ranging from heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and actor Harry Belafonte to comedian Dick Gregory and singer Eartha Kitt.

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There is no evidence to support the article's charge that the Bureau investigated black leaders solely on the basis of their concern for blacks and their peaceful petitioning of the government in redress of grievances.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

FBI Spied on Dr. King's Successor

By Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

At the request of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's associates, we investigated the smear charges that the FBI had spread against him. We reported in an earlier column that the stories were grossly inaccurate.

The same associates complained that King's successor, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, also was kept under intensive FBI surveillance. From secret FBI files, we have confirmed that the agents have a record of the most intimate details of his life.

They know everything about him from his finances to his health, including the medications he takes every morning and evening. His FBI file contains a psychological profile, copies of his hotel bills, transcripts of his speeches and even an account of his traffic violations.

One FBI memo, stamped "Confidential," reveals the details of a squabble Abernathy had on Feb. 5, 1970, with his subordinates. Afterward, the memo notes, Abernathy discussed the flare-up with his wife. Their conversation is outlined in detail.

We showed the file to Abernathy, who readily recalled the conversation with his wife. It had occurred, he said, in the privacy of his bedroom. "They had to be bugging me," Abernathy told our associate, Joe Spear.

At the FBI, a spokesman categorically denied that agents had ever used electronic surveillance against Abernathy. Several references, including other conversations between Abernathy and his wife, are attributed in the file to "confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past."

It is clear from the file that FBI agents visited the U.S. Passport Office to get his travel schedule and credit bureau offices to find out about his finances.

Under the late J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI was almost paranoiac about black leaders. We have had access

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The Evening Star (Washington) ____
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to other secret dossiers, indexed under "Racial Matters," on such prominent black leaders as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Roy Wilkins, Bayard Rustin, Floyd McKissick, Roy Innis and Martin Luther King's widow, Coretta.

Dossiers were kept on black artists, entertainers and sports figures, ranging from heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali and actor Harry Belafonte to comedian Dick Gregory and singer Eartha Kitt.

This FBI concentration upon prominent blacks has alarmed black members of Congress who asked us to testify on Capitol Hill. We brought the evidence, complete with names and details.

My testimony concluded: "To the FBI, apparently, anyone with a dark skin who dares to open his mouth is viewed as subversive. I have seen dozens of dossiers on black leaders whose only crime is voicing the tribulations of their people; who have done nothing more than organize their ranks; who are guilty only of peacefully petitioning their government in redress of grievances, as their Constitution says they have an inalienable right to do."

Footnote: In fairness, it should be added that the present FBI director, Clarence Kelley, has abandoned his predecessor's bias against blacks and has adopted a balanced racial policy.

Defense of Jackie — For most Americans, the famous photograph of Jacqueline Kennedy crawling across the back of her assassinated husband's limousine in Dallas is one of the most poignant memories of the '60s.

This left the impression that she panicked at the shots and tried to save herself by leaving her dying husband.

But now, the nation's most indefatigable private investigator of the assassination, Harold Weisberg, of Frederick, Md., has discovered that certain material was deleted from Jackie's testimony on June 5, 1964.

The deleted testimony indicates that she was trying to aid her husband, not save herself. The details were so grisly that they were deleted as a matter of taste. We have decided not to reprint this portion, except to report that the First Lady apparently was trying to help keep her husband's head intact, not trying to escape from the limousine.

The full details will be published in a 650-page book called "Post Mortem." Weisberg concludes, as he has in past books, that the assassination was the result of conspiracy. Our own investigation shows that many questions remain to be answered. But we have not seen enough evidence to contradict the Warren commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, acted alone.

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
EM - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)

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Purpose is to advise of information furnished the Senate Select Committee (SSC) regarding subject in light of attached newspaper article in which Abernathy, President of the SCLC, states he was subjected to more severe attempts by the FBI to discredit blacks than was Martin Luther King and in which he claims a member of the SSC showed him numerous FBI memoranda dealing with himself. Also to recommend liaison contact with the SSC in attempt to ascertain facts of this matter.

It is noted that in response to voluminous SSC requests for material on Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC many documents were furnished containing references to Abernathy. In a few instances the SSC asked for and received specific data regarding Abernathy.

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Attached article makes reference to a number of Bureau memoranda allegedly seen by Abernathy, including one by former Vice President Agnew, in which Abernathy was described as one of the worst of the agitators and trouble makers and in which Agnew desired to know if the Director had any information in subject's file with which to embarrass him.

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Our files contain no such memorandum, however, the attached memorandum of the Director dated 5/18/70 records a conversation between Mr. Hoover and Agnew that date in which Mr. Hoover referred to Abernathy in similar terminology (paragraph one lines four and five of attached memorandum). This memorandum was furnished the SSC by Bureau memorandum

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Ralph David Abernathy

of 8/29/75 captioned "U. S. Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities" (brackets indicate excisions made). This memorandum was furnished in response to a SSC inquiry regarding a special paper for the Vice President concerning racial disturbances in Mississippi and Georgia. Other documents furnished the SSC regarding Abernathy are: (1) Bureau letter to Atlanta 7/14/64 requesting information concerning Abernathy's escapades (2) FD-302 containing interview of Abernathy after King's assassination and (3) Correspondence with Pittsburgh office regarding counterintelligence activity against Abernathy, including copy of congressional record 5/6/68. (All attached.)

In addition the SSC asked whether Abernathy was ever the subject of electronic surveillances (a charge also made by Abernathy in the attached article). Abernathy was never the target of electronic surveillance, however, as a result of his activities and association with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC, which were targets of duly authorized electronic surveillances, he was overheard on numerous occasions. Abernathy was subject of active Bureau investigation following his assumption of the presidency of the SCLC in the spring of 1968. That investigation was closed in 8/74.

None of the attached documents furnished the SSC concerning Abernathy is classified and Legal Counsel Division concurs with Intelligence Division, that if a representative of the SSC exhibited such documents to Abernathy no violation of Federal laws is involved. Such action by the SSC, however, might constitute a breach of agreement between the FBI and the SSC which, in essence, is that information furnished the Committee is to be in confidence and not disclosed to unauthorized individuals.

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, that a representative of the Legal Counsel Division, through liaison contact with the Committee, ascertain the facts of this matter.

b7C [redacted] contacted on 12/10/75 [illegible] had no knowledge of documents being shown to Abernathy [illegible] and he would check it and furnish [illegible] response - As of 1/15/76 [illegible] had no additional information

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Abernathy Claims He Was Top Target

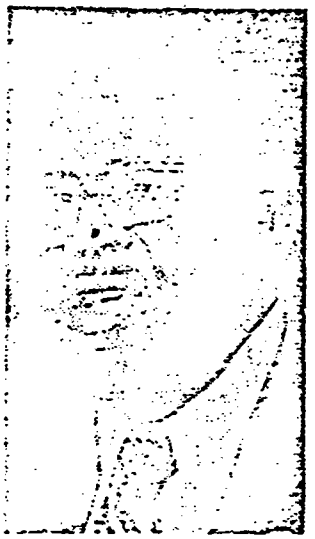
Was FBI 'More Severe' on Him?

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Civil rights leader Dr. Ralph David Abernathy says a number of FBI memos, including one by former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, convince him he was subjected to more severe attempts by the FBI to discredit blacks than was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Abernathy said a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, which disclosed on Tuesday illegal FBI attempts to discredit King, visited him last week and showed him numerous FBI memos dealing with himself, King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He said one memo was from then-Vice President Agnew to the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

ABERNATHY said that in the memo Agnew "stated emphatically and clearly that he considered me to be one of the worst of the agitators and troublemakers and wanted to know of Mr. Hoover if there was anything that could be done, if they had any information in my file that they could use to embarrass me, embarrass my family in an effort to destroy my effectiveness, because I was most effective with the masses, the ordinary people."



REV. RALPH ABERNATHY
Agnew memo subject

Abernathy also said the FBI not only tapped his telephone and bugged his hotel rooms, but also bugged his home.

"I really think that I have been subjected even more severely to what Dr. King was subjected to," the 45-year-old SCLC president said yesterday at a news conference. He was here to speak at the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Symposium at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

HIS COMMENTS came when he was questioned on the FBI efforts to discredit black leadership. This included a letter to King which King interpreted as suggesting he commit suicide.

Abernathy said King was aware of the FBI campaign to discredit him and the SCLC movement, which he then headed, but did not attribute the letter to the FBI.

Abernathy said he and King thought the letter came from the Ku Klux Klan or the John Birch Society.

In Memphis, the Rev. Samuel B. Kyles, who was with King before his assassination in Memphis in 1968, said yesterday that the disclosure "calls for a whole new look at the investigative process that went into the King murder."

Kyles is head of Operation PUSH — People United to Save Humanity.

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Reurairtel 6/26/64 which furnished the Bureau a copy of the 6/19/64 issue of "The Herald." Copies were maintained by your office. The indicated issue contained data concerning a reported court action against Reverend Ralph Abernathy which took place in Alabama apparently in 1958, and which apparently involved the alleged seduction of a 15-year-old girl.

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Your airtel 6/18/64 and other recent communications from other offices in above caption contained additional data concerning the reported Abernathy involvement in a court action.

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The Bureau desires to obtain the fullest factual information available relative to the reports being received concerning Abernathy's escapades. Noting the apparent disreputable nature of the newspaper in question and its publisher, it is imperative that factual data be obtained from original sources. You are, therefore, instructed to furnish the Bureau information available from your files concerning Abernathy's reported involvement with a 15-year-old girl. You should also request the appropriate office to obtain full court records, including transcripts of testimony, so that the fullest facts obtainable may be in the hands of the Bureau. Of course, no action should be taken which might cause embarrassment to the Bureau. This matter must be handled in a most discreet fashion and your instructions to any offices being furnished leads in this matter should contain such caution. This matter should be handled on a need-to-know basis in your and other offices.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Ralph D. Abernathy

Date April 8, 1968

Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, 690 La Verne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Memphis Police Department at 10:55 p.m. April 4, 1968. Reverend ABERNATHY was advised of the Agent's identity and of the nature of the matter under investigation.

Reverend ABERNATHY, who described himself as Vice President at Large and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, stated he was Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s closest associate and stated that he and Dr. KING always shared a room whenever they travelled together. He stated that at about 10:30 a.m. on April 3, 1968, he and Dr. KING registered at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Reverend ABERNATHY stated that on April 4, 1968, he and Dr. KING did not leave the motel and spent most of the day in their room, #306, which is located on the second floor of the motel. He stated that he and Dr. KING had been gone from their room for approximately one hour or less when they returned to the room at about 5:30 p.m. He said they got dressed as they were going to dinner at the home of Reverend BILLY KYLE and that at almost exactly 6 p.m. they started to leave the room. Reverend ABERNATHY stopped for a moment and Dr. KING walked out onto the balcony just outside the door to his room. Reverend ABERNATHY was still inside the motel room but could hear Dr. KING discussing the dinner engagement with other associates who Reverend ABERNATHY believes were standing in the parking area of the motel underneath and to the front of the balcony on which Dr. KING was standing.

Reverend ABERNATHY stated he heard what sounded like a firecracker and then heard the screams of persons to whom Dr. KING had been talking. Reverend ABERNATHY went then to the balcony and discovered Dr. KING lying there wounded in the right side of the face and neck. He said he believed Dr. KING attempted to speak to him but was unable to do so. Reverend ABERNATHY said he instructed someone to call an ambulance and then accompanied Dr. KING in the ambulance to the hospital where Dr. KING subsequently died.

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Reverend ABERNATHY stated that judging from the sound of the noise it appeared that the shot came from directly in front of the door and not from any great distance. He stated he did not observe anything that would indicate who fired the shot. Reverend ABERNATHY also stated that while they were in the motel room Dr. KING did not, to his knowledge, receive any telephone calls of a threatening nature or calls from persons who would not identify themselves. Reverend ABERNATHY said Dr. KING had not feared that any particular persons might harm him and Reverend ABERNATHY was unable to suggest any suspects or to provide any other information which might assist in identifying Dr. KING's killer.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448006)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-15780)(P)

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BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
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(RALPH ABERNATHY)
(SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE)

The Pittsburgh "Point," a weekly newspaper dated 10/24/68, contains an article which indicates that Dr. RALPH ABERNATHY will speak at a mass rally at Central Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 11/2/68, as part of a drive by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to educate Black communities concerning the three major presidential candidates.

The Congressional Record dated 5/6/68, on June 19, Page H3389, contains an article which indicates that the ~~6th~~ 1965 edition of the "Herald," 407 Butler Street, Anderson, S. C., South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper, contains the testimony of a 15 year old female member of ABERNATHY's church. The testimony relates to a filthy and perverted sex scandal between ABERNATHY and the girl according to the Congressional Record. It is believed that if information relating to this sordid episode on the part of ABERNATHY were made public in Pittsburgh, his effectiveness would be curtailed.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Request of Bureau:

The Bureau is requested to authorize Columbia to obtain two copies of the ~~6th~~ 1965 issue of the Anderson, South Carolina, "Herald" if available. These papers should be mailed as follows:

Pastor
Central Baptist Church
2200 Wylie Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chairman of Deacons
Central Baptist Church
2200 Wylie Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A note should be included with each issue to read as follows:

"This paper has news about the man who is speaking at your church." It should be mailed from Anderson, South Carolina.

To be effective, these papers should reach the addressee prior to 11/2/68. The Bureau, therefore, is requested to give expeditious attention to this request.

No action should be taken in this matter without Bureau authority.

October 30, 1968

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Airtel

To: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-157[illegible])
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALISTS - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(RALPH ABERNATHY)
(SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE)

ReBGairtel 10/25/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are three Xerox copies of page H 3389 of the Congressional Record, 5/6/68. One copy is enclosed for Columbia for information.

It is felt that the mailing of these copies of the Congressional Record from Pittsburgh to the people suggested in referenced airtel would be more effective than a mailing of the Herald newspaper from South Carolina. There would be less chance the information would be discounted as a Klan trick if the information was received from Pittsburgh in a way to indicate a member of the local community sent it. Also the same page in the Herald contains an article condemning Martin Luther King, Jr., and accusing him of traveling to Puerto Rico with a young girl. If the paper were used, this information on King would only serve to "muddy the water," and make less effective the information on Abernathy.

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Airtel to SAC, Pittsburgh
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM; RALPH ABERNATHY
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For your information the edition of the Herald was dated 6/19/64, not 6/19/65 as mentioned in the Congressional Record.

NOTE:

Ralph Abernathy, President of the SCLC, is to speak at a Pittsburgh Church on 11/2/68 to educate the black community on the elections. Pittsburgh suggested that the Herald, reportedly a South Carolina newspaper, be sent to the minister and Chairman of Deacons of the Church prior to Abernathy's appearance. The paper contains an article about a sex scandal involving Abernathy and a 15-year-old girl. The Congressional Record also contains information about this scandal.

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RALPH ABERNATHY—PREACHER OR PERVERT

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, ever since Ralph Abernathy assumed control of the rich man's "poor people's march" to occupy Washington, most southerners who know about Abernathy have shuddered at the deceit and national prestige buildup given Abernathy as a leader.

We have kept our peace—knowing that any comment would not receive fair consideration—in all probability discounted as "racism."

But the news establishment, knowing the facts, continued to be silent until the Montgomery Advertiser on May 2, 1968, spoke out.

In a lead editorial captioned, "The Leader of the Great Crusade," the Montgomery Advertiser slashed into Abernathy's reputation by calling him, "an unpolished and disreputable clod", and politely, I assure you, rehashed the sex scandal involving Abernathy and a 15-year-old female member of Abernathy's church.

I have a complete transcript of the testimony of the exploited girl given at the jury trial of her husband—who was acquitted by a jury of chasing and striking at Abernathy with a hatchet.

The testimony of the youthful victim, Vivian McCoy Davis, uncontradicted by Abernathy, is so filthy and perverted that I cannot—in good conscience—place it in the RECORD for our colleagues' examination.

I will, however, make her testimony available on request to my colleagues, or it can be obtained from the Herald, 407 Butler Street, Anderson, S.C.—South Carolina's oldest Negro newspaper—by asking for a copy of their June 19, 1964, edition which contained a full account of the sordid background of Ralph Abernathy including the testimony.

I can only add that Abernathy apparently has little control over himself—he couldn't have control of the threatened booby trap merging on Washington under the banner of a poor people's march. But he can be used to exploit poor people.

Mr. Speaker, I place the May 2 editorial from the Montgomery Advertiser in the RECORD at this point:

THE LEADER OF THE GREAT CRUSADE

It is preposterous but unfortunately true commentary on the recent history of the most powerful country on earth that it is now receiving ultimatums from the likes of Ralph D. Abernathy.

Abernathy succeeded to the late Dr. King's mantle in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by virtue of an association dating from the Montgomery bus boycott.

King was at least glib and adroit in the guile by which he managed to flummox an alarming number of Americans. But Abernathy is an unpolished and disreputable clod best remembered here for what may have been a record dash from his church office on the night of Aug. 29, 1958.

Panic-stricken and screaming he was pursued by an irate, hatchet-wielding husband who had accused him of having a relationship with his wife more suited to the pages of Krafft-Ebing's *Psychopathia Sexualis* than a family newspaper.

The wife of his assailant told a Montgomery Circuit Court jury in November 1958 that she had submitted to unnatural sex acts with the Reverend before her marriage, beginning at the age of 15, and that "he never stopped chasing me" even after her marriage to Edward Davis. She had been a member of Abernathy's church.

On the day Davis accosted Abernathy in his office, armed with pistol and hatchet, Abernathy had called her Mrs. Davis testified.

The jury deliberated only 10 minutes, obviously invoking the unwritten law, before acquitting Davis of attempting to do in the preacher.

Yet, basking in the reflected glory of King, Abernathy emerged from the revolting case unscathed in the eyes of SCLC.

In 1960, he was signally honored by Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah, the subsequently deposed dictator of Ghana, by being invited to Accra for a "Conference on Non-Violence and Positive Action for the Security of Africa."

This was heady stuff for a man who, but for his color and the accident of time and place, would never have been heard from. But he was to go on to loftier things, despite his unsavory background, finally being elevated to King's throne after the tragedy in Memphis.

Monday he led the vanguard of a movement which is trying to intimidate Congress not only into massive redistribution of the wealth to the poor (along with the shiftless), but into changing foreign policy. Vietnam is only one item of the agenda of the amorphous mass which may number in the tens of thousands (hundreds of thousands, some say) who will attempt to immobilize Washington by late May.

In their initial protest Monday, the Abernathy-led extortionists denounced U.S. diplomatic and business ties with Portugal and South Africa. The United States must not be encumbered, the formal statement said, "with the support in any way of racist societies abroad."

Although Abernathy keeps mouthing the old line about non-violence, this is once again semantic camouflage for the threat of violence unless Washington—the President and Congress—knuckles under to every demand.

Today, the first of the poor p[eo]ans, as the march leaders desc[ribe] scheduled to set out from M[em]Washington via Marks, Miss. others are to start from other the Midwest, South, North and

The first contingents of what to be a seige of Washington are May 12, with the escalation of ing peak strength for an camp-in by May 30. According table, "major demonstrations" May 20.

By June, Abernathy's invadi[ng] it figured, there will be shanty[towns] Washington and the work of should be paralyzed—unless:

The government meets all cluding massive new federal handouts, a guaranteed income liberalization of welfare prog[rams] lations, and such changes in as the blackmailers may dema[nd].

Terror is not the appropriat[e] Washington: righteous anger nied by massive force. Uni[ted] have the courage to turn back by whatever force is necessary, be intimidated, the words of C. Byrd, West Virginia Democ[rat] prophetic:

"I am greatly concerned try . . . I feel that we can dence of destruction of our within."

It would all be sickening leadership were other than Ra an unprincipled and unspeak[able] out any redeeming qualities demagogue worse than Stok[ely] if only because he is as stupi[d] unfit to lead the smallest rab[ble] less pose as the representati[ve] unfortunate poor.

WILBUR MILLS HON[ORED] CLEMSON UNIVE[RSITY]

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker mous consent to address 1 minute and to revise a remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tem objection to the request of from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Sp[eaker], MILLS, our esteemed col[league] league from Arkansas, Clemson University in m[y] district on Saturday, May

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Mr. Speaker, it w[ould] that our great coll[ege] Clemson University, G. Clemson, son-in-la[w]

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Today, the first poor people's caravans, as the mar[illegible]rs describe them, is scheduled to set out from Memphis toward Washington via Marks, Miss. Next week, others are to start from other locations, in the Midwest, South, North and West.

The first contingents of what is designed to be a seige of Wesnington are due to arrive May 12, with the escalation of forces reaching peak strength for an indeterminate camp-in by May 30. According to the timetable, "major demonstrations" are to begin May 20.

By June, Abernathy's invading horde has it figured, there will be shantytowns all over Washington and the work of government should be paralyzed—unless:

The government meets all demands, including massive new federal programs and handouts, a guaranteed income for everyone, liberalization of welfare programs and regulations, and such changes in foreign policy as the blackmailers may demand.

Terror is not the appropriate reaction in Washington: righteous anger is, accompanied by massive force. Unless authorities have the courage to turn back this invasion, by whatever force is necessary, and refuse to be intimidated, the words of Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, will prove prophetic:

"I am greatly concerned for my country . . . I feel that we can see ample evidence of destruction of our nation from within."

It would all be sickening enough if the leadership were other than Ralph Abernathy, an unprincipled and unspeakable bum without any redeeming qualities whatever: a demagogue worse than Stokely Carmichael if only because he's so stupid: a degenerate unfit to lead the smallest rural church, much less pose as the representative of America's unfortunate poor.

WILBUR MILLS HONORED BY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, WILBUR MILLS, our esteemed and beloved colleague from Arkansas, was honored by Clemson University in my congressional district on Saturday, May 4.

When Clemson University honored our distinguished colleague, WILBUR MILLS, Clemson was in turn honored. As chairman of the great Committee on Ways and Means for more than 10 years, WILBUR MILLS has exercised a great and beneficial influence on this Nation, and indeed on the entire free world. His wise counsel and superb leadership in international trade, taxation, social security, and fiscal responsibility has profoundly influenced the destiny of this Nation and the course of freedom in the Western World.

WILBUR MILLS was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Clemson University for his statesmanship and leadership in preserving the economy of our country and for his forthright stand for fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it was fitting and proper that our great colleague be honored at Clemson University, named for Thomas G. Clemson, son-in-law of John C. Calhoun, and the first S[illegible]tendent of the Department of Agric[illegible]. Clemson University is on the old plantation of the immortal John C. Calhoun, one of the five greatest Senators of all time.

Mr. MILLS, while in the Calhoun mansion—one of the best kept shrines in America—was presented a gavel and pounding block made from a tree grown on the Calhoun mansion grounds by Dr. Wright Bryan, Clemson vice president and former editor of the Atlanta Journal and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The lovely and charming Mrs. Mills accompanied her distinguished husband to the Clemson campus. His excellency, the Honorable Robert E. McNair, Governor of South Carolina, and our own beloved and great colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina, MENDEL RIVERS, chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, were present for this, one of the most momentous occasions in the history of my congressional district and indeed the State of South Carolina. The dynamic and able president of Clemson University, Dr. Robert C. Edwards, presented this coveted honorary degree to Chairman MILLS on behalf of the board of trustees and the faculty.

Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the Clemson board of trustees is a friend of yours, the Honorable Edgar Brown, of South Carolina, who sat beside William Jennings Bryan at the Democratic National Convention in New York in 1924 and who for 40 years, as State senator and as chairman of the senate finance committee, has provided for South Carolina fiscal responsibility. Mr. Speaker, another lifetime member of the Clemson board is the Honorable James F. Byrnes, who served with honor in this House and the Senate and was perhaps best known for his distinguished service as Secretary of State and as "Assistant President" under the wartime administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Clemson University for honoring, on its graduation day, this great and good American who today is providing that leadership so essential to the future of young America.

EXPLANATION OF GENERAL PAIR

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. FULTON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 1, 1968, I left Washington by plane at 5 o'clock p.m. to go to West Liberty, W. Va., to make the keynote speech at the West Liberty State College students' mock national political convention.

After I left the floor on that date the bill, H.R. 16913, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, was passed.

I was paired generally with the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. GALIFIANAKIS] on final passage of that bill.

Mr. Speaker, if I [illegible] would have voted "nay."

PROTEST AGAINST ORDER

Mr. STUCKEY. Mr. [illegible] unanimous consent to [illegible] marks at this point in [illegible] include extraneous mat[illegible]

The SPEAKER pro [illegible] objection to the request [illegible] from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. STUCKEY. Mr. [illegible] speak because I am [illegible] indignant. Georgia men [illegible] battlefield of Vietnam [illegible] men are good soldiers. [illegible] importance of following [illegible] of our armed services [illegible] their commanding offic[illegible]

However, Mr. Speaker, [illegible] learned that one of our [illegible] to carry out an order.

Because of the nature [illegible] cannot remain silent on [illegible] obligated to bring this [illegible] light and call to the [illegible] colleagues the order [illegible] man refused to carry [illegible]

The order, Mr. Speaker, [illegible] from his wall above his [illegible] his home State of Geor[illegible]

Allow me to read [illegible] soldier's letter to his mot[illegible]

DEAR MAMA: Last week, [illegible] because of the racial tens[illegible] out to remove all flags—[illegible] flag which contained the [illegible] bol which as you know, [illegible] largely made up of. We [illegible] down the Georgia, Alabam[illegible] Confederate flags—yet, the[illegible] and others may still be dis[illegible]

I have always respected [illegible] and have always been one [illegible] told—regardless, but this [illegible] emotion I have never exper[illegible] I have refused to do it. [illegible] Flag fly when a Georgia [illegible] seriously the legality of [illegible] fused to do it for my C[illegible] and I requested to go all the [illegible] eral. I was so furious I sat [illegible] to Governor Maddox expl[illegible] that something be done a[illegible] manding Officer came in [illegible] to talk to me before I wr[illegible] ernor Maddox and I said, [illegible] I just mailed it."

I do not think I need [illegible] Mr. Speaker.

And, for what good rea[illegible] der issued?

The reason given was [illegible] people view the Confed[illegible] symbol of racism, all St[illegible] contained bars and st[illegible] moved. Mr. Speaker, this [illegible] every Southern State. Th[illegible] especially all Georgia [illegible] Mississippi flags must be[illegible] diately. Other flags from [illegible] New York and Ohio [illegible] main displayed.

Our fighting men, Mr. [illegible] the flags from their hom[illegible] put them over their gun[illegible]